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CHINESE PREMIER'S BID FOR U.S. AID Will Be Used Entirely To Prosecute The War KUNMING MAY BE CAPITAL

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Canton, September 17.
"The Chinese Government here is stronger and more efficient and is in a position to make full use of American aid," Premier Yen Hsi-shan told Chinese and foreign newspapermen today.

General Gordon To Call At Shanghai

Shanghai, September 16.
The American President Lins office here today confirmed that the evacuation ship General Gordon would call at Shanghai on September 20.

At the same time, the APL office said that passage for 280 IRO refugees had been cancelled for reasons of economy. The refugees are destined for Europe and South America and would have had to cross the U.S. on a sealed train because they have no entrance visas. That would be so expensive the IRO decided to send them on the French liner Marshal Joffre, which is expected to arrive here on October 15.

After considerable delay, the ship will bring several hundred passengers and some cargo into Shanghai, mostly from Manila and Hong Kong. A small group of foreigners will enter from Manila, but the majority of the passengers will be Chinese. The APL office estimated that about 800 passengers would board the ship here.

—Associated Press.

Shooting Victim Buried

Canton, September 16.
The funeral took place in Canton today of Willard Freeman, an American who was involved in a shooting incident here eight days ago.

His attractive Polish wife, Maya, dressed neatly in black with a black veil, was present. Also present was the British Consul-General, Mr. C. F. Fyfe, who is representing American interests in Canton.

The deceased's head and shoulders were uncovered. He looked peaceful. Written in flowers across the coffin was the word "Dearly".

The ashes of the late Harold Harris, an Englishman who was killed in the same brawl, will be sent to Hong Kong tonight for shipment to Canada, where his wife lives.

The third member of the party, Leonard Clark, is still in hospital recovering from a wound in the chest. His room is guarded by police.

The mystery of the shooting drama, in which three persons were shot several times by one revolver, is still unsolved.

—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

At 1000 GMT (4 p.m. HKST), a shallow low broad trough of low pressure extends from the Indian Ocean to a low pressure area off the coast of China. A ridge of high pressure extends from the Pacific to the coast of China. The weather is relatively low over the coast of China.

Today's Forecast: Moderate ESE winds, scattered showers and fair periods.

Yesterday's Weather:

Maximum: 74.2 deg. F.

Minimum: 54.2 deg. F.

Wind: 1-17 kts. ESE.

Clouds: 4-5.

Rainfall: 23.5 mm. (0.93 in.). Total rain: 23.5 mm. (0.93 in.).

Jan. 1-1725.2 mm. (68.04 in.). at an average of 2729.5 mm. (107.46 in.).

Readings at:

10 a.m. 4 p.m.

Bar. at sea: 1011.7 1012.7 m.b.

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Widow Of Canton Shooting Victim



Mrs. Maya Freeman, Polish woman who married an American, Mr. Willard Freeman, in Chungking four years ago, is pictured in her Canton home where her husband and two other men were found shot last week. No explanation of the affair has yet been made. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Harold Harris of Shanghai are dead, while the explorer, Mr. Leonard Clark, is in hospital suffering from wounds.

No Marshall Plan Dollars To Finance Trade With Reds

Washington, September 15.

Senator William Knowland said today that he had received assurances from the Economic Co-operation Administration that Marshall Plan dollars would not be used to finance trade with Communist portions of China.

Senator Knowland also placed in the congressional record a letter from the deputy ECA administrator, Mr. William Foster, reporting that about \$100,000,000 in unobligated funds remained for relief purposes in non-Communist China. The money previously had been estimated at \$24,000,000.

Mr. Foster said continuing support was being given by the ECA to the food rationing program in Canton and Swatow. He said stockpiling was being avoided. Communist forces overran territory still held by Nationalist troops.

The ECA official indicated that relief activities were centered in Taiwan. He said assistance included the provision of fertilizers, crude petroleum and engineering advice and rural reconstruction activities.

Which Side?

A Scripps-Howard editorial today asked: "Which side of this fence is the United States on, anyway?" In discussing a report that Hong Kong would use Marshall Plan money to finance commercial transactions between American business firms and the Chinese Communists.

Saying that \$50,000,000 of unexpended ECA China appropriations would be used in transactions with the Chinese Reds, the editorial pointed out the money was voted to assist Nationalist China in resisting Communism.

The editorial said: "Now, at a time when the Nationalist government is fighting for its life and the Communists are using the money to help them, it is proposed that the money be used to help the Communists. Which side of this fence is the United States government on, anyway?"

Recalling that the Senate Appropriations Committee, recently voting \$75,000,000 for military assistance to the Nationalists, requires that money be used only when the President asks for it. "And it is proposed to be misused as the money of the State Department Office of Far Eastern Affairs, we may be sure he will do nothing more to prevent the use of China

Rajk Pleads Guilty, Says He Was Blackmailed Into Spying For U.S.

Budapest, September 16.

Lasslo Rajk, Hungary's former No. 2 Communist, charged in court today that he was blackmailed into spying for the United States.

Rajk, who named the United States Minister to Budapest, Mr. Selden Chapin, and two American officers as his contacts, said he was threatened with exposure as a Trotskyite if he did not comply.

"Naturally I accepted," Rajk said in a detailed confession of his activities as a spy which he began only a few minutes after pleading guilty to plotting the overthrow of the government which made him its Foreign Minister.

Rajk described his meeting with two United States Army Officers who wanted him to penetrate the Communist organization, and added: "I had one more connection with the Americans—with Chapin. It was not continuous but sometimes we had secret meetings. Rajk named the American officials who the Judge ordered him to begin with after the liberation of Hungary in 1945."

Rajk who testified earlier that he had been a spy since 1932 when he was enlisted by the pre-war government's secret police, said his earlier activities were unknown in Hungary.

Tall, slightly stooping Rajk said he became secretary of the Budapest Communist Party immediately after the war. He said "A certain Lieutenant Colonel Kovacs came to see me. He was a member of the United States military mission (in Budapest). He came about August or September 1945."

He said Kovacs, who was a spy, phoned him at his home, for the first time, and asked him to join the spy ring.

"I refused," he said. "Naturally I would not."

Second Officer

Rajk said he was later contacted by the second American spy officer. He said that the end of 1945 or early in 1946 he was contacted by a United States officer, Martin Himmler, who was in Hungary to repatriate war criminals from Germany.

Rajk said Himmler told him at a late meeting that he would not see him personally again and that the Americans had planned to move their headquarters to Yugoslavia. He said the United States office of Strategic Services contacted him while he was still in an internment camp in France during the war and asked him if he wanted to go back to Hungary, if possible.

Rajk said the Americans who contacted him in the French camp asked him to take over the leadership of the Hungarian Communist Party. Earlier, Rajk said that he returned to Hungary from France during the war with the aid of the German Gestapo.

Rajk said he turned down the American wartime suggestion that he return to Hungary because the Gestapo already had arranged for him to return to Germany. From there, he said, it was easy to go back to Hungary.

He said Colonel Kovacs commissioned him to get information which was not available to other American agents. Outlining the methods and eventual strategy of the alleged American agents, Rajk said Kovacs told him the rightist groups were organized by the United States because when peace comes it was the aim to cancel out the power of the leftists and bring the rightists to power."

Rajk said Himmler gave him the task to corrupt the leftist revolutionary forces in the party led by Vice Premier Matyas Rakosi. He was supposed to or-

Speculation On Sir Ralph Stevenson

Shanghai, September 15.
British sources said here today that they expected Britain's recalled Ambassador in China, Sir Ralph Stevenson, would ultimately return as Ambassador to the new Chinese "People's Government," expected to be established in Peking next month.

The decision to recall Sir Ralph, announced in London yesterday, came as no surprise to British officials here though they said that they had not expected it so soon.

They emphasized that the London action was prompted solely by a desire to consult Sir Ralph about conditions in China.

How and when Sir Ralph will make the trip home has not yet been decided, but some circles thought that he might travel to Hong Kong in a British warship while he would board at the mouth of the Yangtze.

Sir Ralph returned to Nanjing this morning from a brief visit to Shanghai.

A conference to organize a centralized Communist government for China may be under way in Peking, adds Associated Press.

Official silence seems to be the order of the day, but it is known that delegates from this area have left Shanghai, and this is the month the government is supposed to be formed.

The Communists at present are ruling conquered areas with regional governments, most of them under military control.

There is no central government, although Party leaders are concentrated in Peking.

Chairman Mao Tse-tung has announced that Peking will be his capital and that its name will be changed back to Peking.

Reuter and Associated Press.

Reds Holding Two U.S. Fliers

Nanking, September 16.

Efforts by American officials to obtain the release of two U.S. fliers held by Chinese Communists for 11 months have been unsuccessful.

An American Embassy spokesman said repeated efforts have been made in Peking and in Nanking to negotiate the release of the two servicemen. Diplomats have been told the local Communists have no control in the case and inquiries made by the Peiping Consul-General, Mr. Edmund O. Clubb, so far have been fruitless.

The two fliers are Navy Chief Electrician William C. Smith and Marine Master Sergeant C. C. Bender. The two failed to return last October from what American officials describe as a routine training mission over Red territory from the former American naval base at Tringtau.

Previous reports said the two men were safe and well and were being held somewhere in Shantung Province.

The Embassy spokesman said no further progress had been made, either by the Mukden Consul-General, Mr. Angus Ward, and his staff of note to leave that Manchurian city. They have been isolated in Mukden since last November. The State Department ordered the consulate closed last May and Mr. Ward since has been trying to obtain Communist permission to leave.

—Associated Press.

ATTEMPT TO KILL CHIANG DENIED

Canton, September 16.

Published reports that a grenade-throwing assassin had made an attempt on the life of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Chungking were officially denied today.

Hung Lai-yah, secretary-general of the Supreme Council, said the "press reports of an attempt to assassinate the Generalissimo in Chungking are untrue."

The report said that taking advantage of the confusion of the first of the three devastating fires in Chungking, a would-be assassin threw a grenade at the Generalissimo. It added that 18 persons were shot down by the former President's bodyguards.

United Press.

B-36 Crashes In Texas; Five Killed

Fort Worth, Texas,

September 16.

A B-36 super-bomber crashed into Lake Worth last night while attempting a take-off from Carswell Air Force base, killing probably five of the 13 crewmen aboard.

One body was recovered—that of T/SG William G. Seymour, radio operator, of Fort Worth.

Tentatively, power failure was blamed for the crash, the first in which one of the six-engined air monsters went down with fatal results.

Four men are missing. An experimental North American B-45 four-engine jet bomber crashed on the grounds of the Lakewood Country Club, near Long Beach, California, last night and was probably destroyed.

The plane crashed after one of its engines exploded while it was heading in for a landing at the municipal airport. Its army pilot and three civilian passengers received only minor bruises.

In Seattle, eleven Boeing Aero-Plane Company workers were injured, seven of them seriously last night when a gas tank in the wing of a parked B-50 superfortress exploded.

Two of the workers were stretcher cases, hospital attendants said.

United Press.

Kunming Capital?

Sources in a position to know said Kunming instead of Chungking might become the capital of Nationalist China if Canton falls.

The warlords of Szechuan are against transfer of the capital to Chungking. Such a move, they think, would make the city the target of a Communist drive.

Besides this, a Red invasion of Szechuan would threaten the domain they now rule.

If the Government makes Szechuan its main base, its supply problems would be tremendous; and if the province were to be conquered, the outcome would well be fatal to Nationalist China.

Kunming, on the other hand, has the advantage of being the capital of a province bordering two foreign countries and, because of its position, would be easier to supply.

Another factor is this: If Central China Commander Pao Chung-hsi finds it expedient to withdraw, he would inevitably pull back to his native province of Kwansei, which flanks Yunnan of the East.

There would then be some possibility of using the two provinces as a base for an eventual counter-offensive. Our Own Correspondent, United Press and Associated Press.

—Associated Press.

SAIGON EXPLOSION

Paris, September 16.

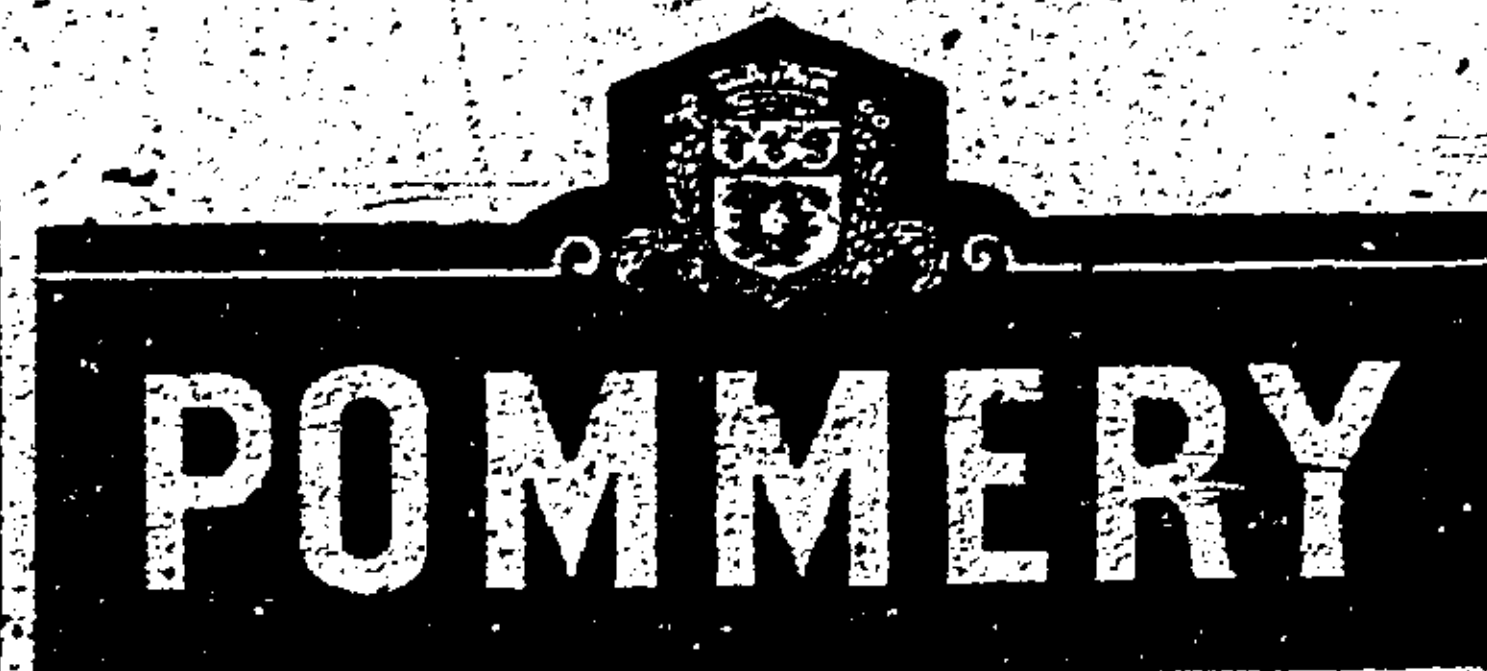
About 20 people were killed and several badly injured when a fuel tank exploded near Saigon, the Agency France Press reported today.

—Reuter.

Decisive Battle

A decisive battle for South China is believed ready to erupt within a week as Nationalists and Communists moved "Yan" armies into position in South China.

South China and North Kwangtung provinces, reports United Press.



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Service Wedding



The wedding of Miss Kay Turley, WRAC, of Gillingham, Kent, to Petty Officer Geoffrey E. Embley, RN, of Eastbourne, took place at the Holy Trinity Church, HM S. Tamar, yesterday. The Reverend T. S. Gower, RN, officiated at the ceremony. The bride, who wore a gown of white satin with a sweet-heart neckline and carried a bouquet of gladioli and orange blossoms, was given away by Chief Petty Officer H. Brothers, RN. Miss S. McGarrigle, the bridesmaid, was dressed in an off-the-shoulder dress of mauve tulle and carried a spray of roses and orange blossoms. Mr. W. L. Ayles was best man. The wedding reception was held at the WRAC quarters, 39 MacDonnell Road. Mr. and Mrs. Embley are spending their honeymoon at Shetland. "China Mail" photo.

POLICE GUARD THREATENED TEAHOUSES

Uniformed police constables yesterday guarded the Chinese teahouses which had received threatening letters from the Overseas Youth Action Group.

Fifteen of these houses in Hong Kong and Kowloon were reported to have received identical letters demanding payment of a total sum of HK\$40,000 by September 12.

The matter was reported to the police who took immediate action.

The precautions taken yesterday were understood to have been the result of a reminder received by some of the teahouses from the Overseas Youth Action Group. The presence of the police at the entrance to the teahouses, and their search of people carrying parcels, attracted no little public attention.

Searches were also conducted inside the teahouses for suspicious characters. The demand of the Overseas Youth Action Group was timed evidently by a psychological mind, as at this time, just before the mid-autumn festival, all the larger teahouses have the best season of the year selling moon cakes.

Presence of the police might calm the nerves of the teahouse employees, but it also drove away many of their patrons.

People wanting to buy moon cakes would certainly prefer to make their purchases at some place which, in their opinion, was safer.

Teahouses interviewed by the "China Mail" yesterday said the matter was in the hands of the police. They would co-operate with the police despite any temporary ill effect it might have on their business, they declared.

W.T. Gorman To Head Fire Brigade

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has approved the appointment as Chief Officer of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade of Mr. W. T. Gorman.

Mr. Gorman is 48 years of age. He has had long experience with Fire Services in England, including the London Fire Brigade, and in Bangkok and Shanghai where he was Chief Officer of the Harbour Fire Brigade.

During the war he served in India as Deputy to the Commanding Officer at R. A. F. Headquarters, New Delhi.

Until recently he was the Director of Fire services in Malaya.

Mr. Gorman is expected to sail from Malaya in about a fortnight and to arrive in the Colony about the middle of October.

OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT

The Official Secrets Act, 1911-1939, as amended by Regulation 12 (5) of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, apply in Hong Kong and are re-published for general information in Supplement No. 1 to the Government Gazette of September 16.

Attention is particularly directed to the position of a person who is now or who has been in the employment of the Government of Hong Kong. Such a person commits an offence under the provisions of Section 2 of the 1911 Act, and may be prosecuted in Hong Kong, if he communicates any information obtained by him or his employment by the Government of Hong Kong, to any person other than a person to whom he is authorised to communicate such information.

GOVERNOR AT PREMIERE

Sir Alexander Grantham, Governor of Hong Kong, attended a Gala Premiere of the film "The Fighting Seagulls" at the Grand Theatre at 8.15 last night. The show was in aid of the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY

His Majesty the King has approved the official celebration of his birthday in 1950 being held on Thursday, June 8.

CORRECTION

The statement in the "China Mail" issue of September 15 on blockade runners attributed to the Assistant Director of Hong Kong Control, Mr. F. W. J. Skellern, should have been attributed to the Senior Marine Officer, Mr. D. G. Cairns.

The reporter regrets this error. The facts of the story, however, are correct.

DEATH

COYSH, Charlotte, aged 59 years. Beloved Wife of G. W. Coysh and Mother of Eva and William. Passed away peacefully at 4.30 pm, 14th September 1949, at St. Theresa's Hospital, Funeral at Colonial Cemetery, passing Monument at 4.30 pm, Saturday, 17th September.

MA MAM PAI, On behalf of the Chinese Bazaar Club.

New Post For Eric Himsforth

The Secretary of State has approved the appointment of Mr. Eric Himsforth, M.A., B.C.L., LL.B., B.Sc., Acting Superintendent of Imports and Exports, to the post of Financial Secretary in Nigeria. Mr. Himsforth will proceed to his new post in the near future.

Mr. Himsforth was born on November 23, 1905 and arrived in the Colony on January 31, 1929. During the war he was interned in Hong Kong and after leaving in 1945 he returned to Hong Kong on August 26, 1946 to assume the post of Acting Superintendent of the Import and Export Department. He was appointed a Cadet Officer Class I on July 8, 1948.

Personalia

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were Mrs. B. Hennemann, Miss B. Goss, Miss L. Lyman, Miss P. Harrop, Mr. and Mrs. G. Linde, Messrs. J. Dreck, E. Bristol, Mr. Ferret, Wm. Hanjfin and R.A. Whiteside.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mr. R. G. Hinkel, Mr. and Mrs. J. McCann, Mr. F. Anderson Jr. and Mr. E. Winter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Keyland and two children, Captain A.P. Block and Mr. Oet. Hoo-pin left by the S. Tilbadak for Manila and Batavia yesterday.

Departures for Saigon via Hanoi, Hue and Tourane by Air France on Thursday included Messrs. P. Anderson, Carpenter, Mr. Ho, Tching Tai, Mr. Tang, Mr. Leung Yue Tching, Miss Tchoi Sei Tsham, Miss Li Chai-fong, Miss Li Tai-shia and Miss Li Chai-tshu.

Among the arrivals by Air France from Hanoi, Hue and Tourane on Wednesday were Mrs. Fan Hon Tchan and child, Miss Ho Hong, Mrs. Tchen Kuei Yee, Miss Lin Yee, Miss Yee, Miss San Yee, Mr. King Yee and Miss Quee Dong.

Recent arrivals from New Zealand are Mrs. Alastair Mars and her two children, who are staying at the Gloucester Hotel.

Mrs. Mars has come to Hong Kong to join her husband, Lieutenant-Commander Alastair Mars, DSO, DFC and Bar, Royal Navy, who is serving on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Fleet, after three years with the Royal New Zealand Navy.

Lieutenant-Commander Mars carries the unique distinction of being the only Submarine Captain to torpedo two fast-moving enemy cruisers with one salvo of torpedoes.

This event took place in 1942, when Lieutenant-Commander Mars, submarine, HMS Unbroken, was covering the famous "August Convoy" which relieved Malta.

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS

An exhibition of fine Chinese paintings, charcoal sketches and oil paintings by Miss D. C. Sun, a talented Chinese artist, will be held at the Hotel Cecil from September 18 to September 29, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily.

A tea party will be given at 2 p.m. today, when some 50 paintings will be on view.

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Correspondence

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Battle Of Britain

Sir—I hope that at least one of the many pleasant Americans who are in Hong Kong will write to the paper expressing their dissent at the letter of Mr. Pope written on Battle of Britain Day of all days. Respect for the heroes of other nations is a hope, common to all peoples and it would be a pity if Anglo-American relations were to be any way upset because of a person suffering from the delusion of his own inferiority writes to the paper trying to mis-state facts to reduce heroes to his own level, and by trying to show that their deaths had little more effect than did Mr. Pope existing at the time no doubt within easy reach of Cash and Carry profits and carrying on his life work of stirring up malice and ill-feeling. Of course Mr. Pope will have moved on, leaving a trail of slime behind him and this letter will hardly reach him.

But for the sake of those Americans who remain in Hong Kong and the great friendship between two races I do hope Mr. Pope's letter will have no more effect than a passing regret that the human race should produce people of so little taste or sense and a sigh of relief that he is a person of so little importance.

A. J. CLIFFORD.

Not Quite Accurate

Sir—Mr. Pope's somewhat childish letter concerning the Battle of Britain is interesting as a good example of how to achieve a desired impression by quoting facts out of their context, though it is a little spoilt by some of his "facts" not being accurate. Mr. Pope, as I read him, attempts to prove that the Battle of Britain was unimportant and of no decisive effect upon the outcome of the last war. He implies that the Battle was ended upon by the Germans with any degree of firmness, in fact rather as a sideline. Such was not the case.

The invasion of Britain was studied by the German Admiralty shortly after the outbreak of war and the first directive was issued on July 2, 1940, for the planning of the event. On July 16, Hitler issued a confirming directive. Admittedly Hitler still hoped that the invasion would not be necessary, but nevertheless preparations were actively pressed on.

On July 19 Hitler made his so-called Peace Offer and the rejection of the King of Sweden's soundings on August 3, caused him great disappointment and convinced him that invasion was necessary. From then on "Operation Sea Lion" (the invasion of Britain) was the main purpose of the German armed forces.

German captured documents show that the German Admiralty repeatedly stressed that the German Air Force must obtain complete mastery of the air before the invasion was attempted and this view was supported by General Jodl. As preparations progressed, it is clear that Admiral Raeder and General Jodl became more and more aware of the difficulties and grew increasingly pessimistic, a state of mind induced by the German Air Force's optimistic but demonstrably false assessments of the result of the air battles. General Jodl was far from regarding "Sea Lion" as a simple operation and the reduction of the number of troops from 40 divisions to 13 was entirely due to shipping difficulties, though, even so, he kept 12 divisions in immediate reserve, a fact which Mr. Pope fails to mention.

On September 10, the German Naval Staff stated that preparations would be complete by the 21st, but pointed out that the stipulated air mastery had not been won. The operation was accordingly postponed, and following a second postponement to September 24, for the same reason, was put off indefinitely. It will be seen that the planning for the operation had been pressed on most earnestly, but that the plans had come to naught through failure to win the Battle of Britain. The failure to attain the objective of the battle was a first-class defeat and the subsequent failure to invade Great Britain was of decisive consequence on the outcome of the war.

That Goering contributed to the failure of the German Air Force by faulty tactics in that he switched to the bombing of London before the primary objectives were achieved is undeniable. He hoped to win the war by bombing alone without the

necessity of invasion, to the humiliation of his Naval and Military colleagues. It is this switch in tactics which marked the fourth phase of the battle, a phase which still had as its objective the subjugation of Britain and which, therefore, is rightly classed as part of that battle.

A further proof of the losing of the Battle by Germany lies in the statistics. Britain lost 815 aircraft and Germany 1,132 (according to German records), for the period July 10 to October 31. The strength of the German Air Force at that time could not stand such losses.

Finally, I refer to Mr. Pope's implication that Britain did not stand alone in the defence of the island. The U.S.A. conveyed 5,000 ships across the Atlantic. It was not until Mr. Churchill's letter to President Roosevelt of December 8, 1940, that the suggestion of the U.S.A. conveying ships was first made, and that only in the Western Hemisphere was a long delay before that suggestion took effect and until then Britain was alone.

Mr. Churchill is an historian and a person of repute, well versed in the correct interpretation and appreciation of the facts of the Battle of Britain. His evaluation of the Battle of Britain will continue to commend itself to future historians and other readers. Mr. Pope, on the other hand is unknown to me, and, if he intends to publish further remarks, I would suggest, in all humility, that he spends a year or two reading the works of the world's leading historians and that he follow their example and conduct considerable research into any subject on which he proposes to write before committing his conclusions to paper.

J. B.

Mr. Pope Replies

Sir—Such letters as were written by "Relative" and "A Todd" in reply to my notes on this event were of course to be expected. There are always people who forget that one cannot get the truth in wartime. But no moderately intelligent being can accept the view that the truth is a mere matter of good taste. Nor can I see that the gallantry of the airmen in the battle needs enhancing by weaving myths about it.

The whole story of the German invasion has still to be told. Like most stories it is not simple. The facts I recited are all from official British examinations of the minutes of German staff conferences and they are all available to those who want to pursue the truth. If anything the German records increase the size of the personal achievements of the men of the RAF by showing they were performed against a Luftwaffe which throughout maintained the highest morale and the commanders of which were convinced they were winning.

"Almost Resigned" anti-American diatribe is not relevant to the issue and is insulting to a magnificent ally whose aid Britain continues to need—and to receive. It is typical of such writers that he cloaks his sneers in anonymity.

QUENTIN POPE

(Editor's note: A correspondent apropos Mr. Pope's letter, voiced the hope yesterday that our readers would not allow themselves to be drawn into a discussion about who won the war. The sentiment was a sound one, and we will consider the subject as now closed. For the information of readers, several of whom have asked Mr. Quentin Pope if he is a New Zealander who is at present corresponding for the "Chicago Tribune" owned by the anti-British Colonel McCormick.)

Expulsion Of Undesirables

Sir—The Chinese Reform Association in the discharging of its civic duty of representing public opinion on the one hand and the promotion of political consciousness on the other feel that it is our inescapable duty to express our reactions toward the proposed legislation of "Expulsion of Undesirables Ordinance 1949".

The Reform Association as a whole refrained from expressing its considered opinion on the "Registration of Persons Ordinance" in spite of the almost unanimous though rather more emotional than scientific protest of the Chinese community over the compulsory requirement of thumb print. It is a matter of

common knowledge, if rumour can be believed, that the protest was inspired in order to support the debate promised by certain quarters at the second and final reading of the bill in the legislative Council, which for one reason or other did not convene. This unexpected outcome might partly explain the curious silence of the organisation which were recently so vociferous. It is, therefore, all the more incumbent upon the Reform Association to endeavour to express some of the public sentiments toward the bill, but for more important legislation before its second reading on Wednesday.

Admittedly most of the contents are not new, for this Sword of Damocles has always been there to cow us into quietude, never to be used, its penalties severe and vast power trustfully placed in the hands of official and unofficial personages lacking in judicial training and experience. Judging from the aspect of the British Principles of Justice and equity, from the aspect of the humane and humanitarian, the administration of this ordinance must be subject to constant surveillance in order that the objectives thereof may not be lost sight of.

It is unfortunate that it was considered expedient to include different groups of the "Undesired" in the same bill: Political Undesirables and the non-political refugees, commonly known in the last war as "Displaced Persons". To quote the words of the usually well-informed editorial of the "China Mail" the Bill "is designed, broadly speaking, to nullify the activities of Communist agitators trying to foment civil disturbance, and to protect the Colony against any other form of danger in time of stress".

To include 12 other classifications of "Undesired" persons with would-be seditionists would only complicate, if not misdirect, the energies of those charged with the administration thereof, but would defeat the very purpose of the bill. To apply the same prescription to two different kinds of social affliction might aggravate one and be ineffective with the other.

Some of the 14 classifications of persons "Undesired" such as prostitutes, those afflicted with contagious disease, crippled in mind and body, quack doctors, and vagrants, could be the inevitable by-products of any town and congested area. These must be charged to the responsibility of the city which breeds them. Any attempt to unload them upon your neighbours is a direct assault on the one hand and the promotion of political consciousness on the other feel that it is our inescapable duty to express our reactions toward the proposed legislation of "Expulsion of Undesirables Ordinance 1949".

The Reform Association as a whole refrained from expressing its considered opinion on the "Registration of Persons Ordinance" in spite of the almost unanimous though rather more emotional than scientific protest of the Chinese community over the compulsory requirement of thumb print. It is a matter of

Remember that these unwanted multitudes of Displaced Persons might be just ripe for indoctrination and be used against the place which rejected them. On the other hand if expelled, they will be refused admittance to China and be blockaded in the no-man's-land, and perhaps exploited as pawns in the political tug-of-war, just as was rumored to have happened recently in other parts of China. The editorial of the "China Mail" has said it well, that "summary expulsion simply because they are prostitutes seems to be either a childish attempt to safeguard the Colony's security, or it is an equally stupid method of trying to solve a social problem and inglorious inclusion in the list of undesirable is not a particularly brilliant idea—any such action at this time, violates accepted rights of the individual".

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Reminders

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Pirates Ball, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Kellott Island, 9 p.m.
First Round Games, Stanley Shield Soccer Competition, Club Ground, Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.
Opening of USRC Lawn Bowls Green.
Free Cantonese Lessons for Servicemen at European YMCA, Kowloon, at 5.15 p.m.
Free Travel-Movie Show at European YMCA, Kowloon, at 3 p.m. for Servicemen and Civilians.
Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of the Hong Kong Industrial Chemical Merchants Association, Kam Ling Restaurant, 3 p.m.
Annual Aquatic Meet of the Hong Kong Police Sports Association at the VRC Pool at 9 p.m.
Indian Recreation Club Mahayan Evening, 9 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Second Round Games, Stanley Shield Soccer Competition, Club Ground, Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.
The Committee of the French Society of Literature and Art of Hong Kong screening of the film "La Symphonie Fantastique" at the King's Theatre, 9.30 a.m.
Hong Kong Light Orchestra Concert at Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.
MONDAY
Grand Casting Meeting for plays at European YMCA, Kowloon, 8.30 p.m., Civilians and Servicemen.

HK Cotton Delegation To South Seas

Hong Kong's 12 cotton mills are sending a delegation to the South Seas region today to investigate market possibilities for their products.

The six members of the delegation will leave by air for Singapore, which will be their first stop-over. After exploring the Malayan market they will proceed to Rangoon, and possibly Bangkok and Saigon, and on their way back they will cover the Philippines.

They hope in the course of their fortnight's tour to find new buyers for their cotton yarn.

The cotton mill industry in the colony came into being only after the end of the war, when Shanghai industrialists, shifted their mills from Shanghai to Hong Kong.

Their output, estimated at 6,000 bales, each of 400 lbs., a month, had until quite recently been taken up largely by the Hong Kong weaving and knitting mills. However due to a slump in overseas markets for Hong Kong textiles and cotton knitted goods, the demand for cotton yarn has fallen off.

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Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, senior counsel for the defence in the \$900,000 claim at the Supreme Court yesterday formally submitted after the conclusion of the case for the plaintiff that the defendant had no case to answer.

He announced he found it unnecessary to put Mr. F. C. Roberts, the defendant, into the witness box to give evidence. In all the hundreds of documents produced, he submitted, there was not one scintilla of evidence against Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Sheldon and Mr. A. J. Clifford, junior defence counsel, are being instructed by the Hon. Sir Man-kam Lo, The Hon. Leo d'Almada, KC, and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, are representing Mr. A. V. White, of 3 College Road.

Both plaintiff and defendant who at present resides at 84 Robinson Road, are former Shanghai merchants and are related by marriage.

Plaintiff claims the sum in question from defendant for alleged breaches of contracts. This is denied by defendant who claims no contract of that particular sort was transacted.

At the commencement of the hearing, yesterday morning, it was found that Mr. Silva, was present. On the application of counsel, the court adjourned for a while later till the arrival of Mr. Silva. Mr. d'Almada then apologised on behalf of his instructed solicitor, who, he explained, had been unavoidably held up arranging documents concerned in the case.

Justice Williams told counsel that in spite of this explanation, Mr. Silva should have been present when Court started at 10 a.m. He pointed out that the time of all concerned had been wasted, and that it was essential that everyone be present when a hearing began.

Mr. Williams added that he hoped this would not happen again.

Barrister Cross-Examined

Mr. James Man Lee, former Shanghai barrister, who the day before had testified on behalf of the plaintiff as to the position of business partnership under Chinese Law, then took the stand to be further cross-examined by the defence.

Witness told the Court among other things that the regulations promulgated by the Chinese Government allowed any individual to obtain foreign currency to transact business.

Mr. Sheldon asked Mr. Lee whether he was permitted for any individual to do so even to the detriment of China's economy without the regulations preventing him. Witness explained that the law did not prevent any individual doing this. Even without doing any business with the Central Bank, the individuals could buy and sell exchange abroad.

To a suggestion that all this was illogical, witness replied further that the regulations of the Government were designed only to try to maintain balance between the foreign exchange available to the Government and the foreign exchange to be allotted to persons in China for such needs as were considered vital by the Government.

These regulations, he went on, therefore had nothing to do with any private foreign exchange funds that any private individual might hold abroad. The regulations did not require anyone who had such funds abroad to surrender such funds to the Government, nor did they prohibit the use of such funds for his own means.

Mr. Lee continued by saying that it was not the intention of the authorities that anyone who had private foreign exchange funds abroad should first make use of his own foreign exchange before applying to the Government for such exchange.

The Government's position, he asserted, is not affected by a transaction by a person in China dealing in foreign exchange outside China.

He stated that the regulations were aimed at appointed banks, non-appointed banks and exchange brokers, but not at private individuals.

Case For Defence

Opening the case for the defence, Mr. Sheldon told the Court that in view of the evidence that had been given by plaintiff, he would formally submit that there was no case to answer to the action.

Having heard the evidence as given by the other side, he declined to call Mr. Roberts to give evidence on the matter. If he did, he would have to produce a whole lot of documents and that would take up unnecessary time, trouble and expense, and the case would have to be indefinitely prolonged, he declared.

Counsel went on to say that the evidence given on the plaintiff's behalf—which took three or four days—was founded on statements alleged to have been associated with Mr. Roberts.

But in all the hundreds of documents produced, he declared, there was not one scintilla of evidence against Mr. Roberts.

If these contracts in question were illegal under Chinese law, which the defence proposed to give evidence on, then there was no legal right for them to be regarded legal in Hong Kong, Mr. Sheldon submitted.

Solicitor Testifies

After quoting several authorities in support of his contention, Mr. Sheldon put his first witness, Mr. F. Zimmern, solicitor of Holland House, into the stand.

Witness testified that in 1948 plaintiff came to see him at his office to consult him, and told him about the claim he was making to bring against Mr. Roberts. Having been informed of this, Mr. Zimmern said he made up his mind there and then that he would not act against Mr. Roberts, the reason being that both Mr. White and Mr. Roberts were his mutual friends. He however offered to Mr. White that in the event of a dispute between Mr. White and Mr. Roberts, he would act as a mediator.

Mr. White agreed to this. Witness said he then communicated with Mr. Roberts by phone, as a result of which the latter came over to his office. On being told that witness would be acting as mediator in the event of a dispute, Mr. Roberts, it is alleged, replied that there was nothing more between him and Mr. White, and that Mr. White had already won him. There was no need of any arbitration, he had added.

Mr. Zimmern said that nothing was said by Mr. Roberts as an admission that he owed some money to Mr. White.

On being examined by Mr. d'Almada, witness stated that Mr. Roberts during their conversation appeared to be trying to impress him that he had nothing owing to Mr. White as alleged by plaintiff.

Further questioned, witness stated that Mr. Roberts had also mentioned to him that it was said that he had \$1,000,000 in his possession. Mr. Zimmern said that Mr. Roberts had added further: "How could I have \$1,000,000? I would not have that amount of money."

Miss Emily Anderson, of 808 King's Road, formerly of Shanghai, then testified that in December 1947, Stella Wade—who is alleged to have been present in Shanghai in the period—was in Hong Kong.

Hearing will continue at 10 a.m. on September 26.

Anti-Riot Exercises

The police and Commandos conducted one of their routine anti-riot exercises in the Eastern district of the island yesterday morning.

The Commandos, in response to a summons from the police, were rushed to assist in quelling "riots" which had broken out at several places.

A police official informed the "China Mail" that these exercises have been taking place regularly since the arrival of the Commandos, with whom they have arranged for military assistance on the island and in parts of the Mainland in case of need.

It was only about a fortnight ago that a similar exercise was held in the Western district of the island.

STATISTICAL TABLES

Statistical tables relating to economic and other subjects, compiled in consultation with the different Government Departments concerned and including, as far as possible, all figures for the month of July 1949, are given in Supplement No. 4 to the Government Gazette for September 16.

WHIST DRIVE

A successful Whist Drive was held at the Hong Kong Women's Recreation Club on Thursday for the Forces.

There were 20 tables of players. The 1st and 2nd prizes were won by Marine Chadwick and Marine Saul. The prize for the highest half time score was won by Sergeant Milne, RM.

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Crozier Broadcasts On Education In Hong Kong

The Education Department is attempting to realise a larger concept of education in Hong Kong, declared Mr. D. J. S. Crozier, Inspector of Schools, in a broadcast over Radio Hong Kong last night.

Referring to what he termed a "revolution in education," Mr. Crozier said more time would be spent in future on "social studies."

Mr. Crozier explained "social studies" as being activities that have a direct bearing on the child's after-life when he becomes an adult member of society.

Mr. Crozier said in part: "If parents were asked just why they sent their child to school, they would probably resort to generalisations that would not mean very much. The fact is they accepted education as a necessary feature of the process of growing up without giving the matter very much thought. Such ideas as they have are based largely on their own experiences when they were at school. They are static; they don't change like ideas on medicine, or science, or politics."

"This static conception of education is entirely false; for schools have undergone, and are undergoing, just as great a revolution as any other element in society. And it would be good for many of us to go back to school ourselves, and see just what those changes are."

"In its earlier days, education was commonly thought of as a sort of mental process. It had no particular value in itself for most children; it was little more than a removal of the social stigma of illiteracy, or a condition of getting a job. And it was deadly uniform. The teachers of that time reflected all this in their teaching. 'This old idea persists even today to an amazing degree. For many people it is the amazing of facts that still counts for education. How often is the value of a child measured in terms of Credits or Distinctions in the School Certificate Examination; nothing is said of his personality or his social aptitudes. If we are frank we will admit that we still think of education as a kind of ladder up which children must scramble to get the best rewards. It helps them not to lose the good life, but to get the good job."

"Educationalists discarded this 'quantitative' theory of education long ago. Believers in individualism considered education as involving every single one of the life processes, not just the mental ones which the earlier school had concentrated on exclusively. They advocated a type of 'teaching' which would treat the child, primarily as an individual, and not as a unit in a class. They recognised, also, that each child was a composition of body, mind, and soul, and that his individual potentialities must be realised through a 'three-dimensional' approach. Henceforth, individual activity would be the key-note of the school; and through it personality would finally emerge in a state of perfect manhood and womanhood."

"It is this new and much larger conception of education that we in Hong Kong are attempting to realise."

"Despite the shortage of buildings and the provision of trained teachers the total number of students enrolled in the schools of the Colony is now 12,000 more than it was in 1939."

"In spite of heavy calls on services and for defence, considerable headway is being made in our school building programme. This month, two schools for the children of workers—one in Hong Kong, and one in Kowloon—have been opened. They will each provide for 1,000 children, and though built without extravagance are constructed and equipped on very up-to-date lines. Next month a middle school will be opened at Tin Long. This will be the first Government maintained secondary school in the New Territories, and will cater for 200 children."

Social Studies

"Much more time will, in future, be spent on social studies. By these I mean activities that have a direct bearing on the child's after-life—when he grows up and becomes an adult member of society."

"Subjects previously taught more formally, or without relation to anything outside themselves, must be re-oriented. Language study, geography, and History must be given a more practical turn; they will be applied much more directly to the art of living. Not that they will surrender that innate value which good teaching has always given them, but they will also serve as means of social understanding and social adjustment. There are also many new subjects coming into the curriculum, or old subjects whose status are being greatly enhanced—art and musical appreciation, domestic science, including mothercraft, practical handwork, and Civics."

"Civics is now one of the most important subjects taught in schools. Broadly speaking, the Civics teacher tries to inculcate in each child a feeling of civic interest and responsibility through a study of communal activities."

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Chinese Sentenced In Arms Case

A Chinese was sentenced by Mr. A. D. Scholes of Central yesterday to three years' imprisonment with hard labour for possessing a revolver loaded with six rounds of ammunition and a dagger.

The weapons, it was stated, were believed to have been used in the murder of a married woman during a robbery at 10, Pokfulam Village, on August 2.

Kang Sheung-tsen, aged 27,

was among a group of four defendants who were arrested by the police in connection with the robbery and murder.

The other defendants were Wu Yee, a woman, Kang Tam and Wong Yui, alias Ko Lo, a man more than six feet tall.

Wu Yee, who was charged with possessing 10 rounds of ammunition, was sentenced by Mr. Scholes yesterday to nine months' imprisonment with hard labour. She was also ordered to be deported.

Kang Tam charged with possessing a revolver, an automatic pistol and some ammunition, was sentenced during a previous hearing to three months' imprisonment with hard labour. He was also ordered to be deported.

Wong Yui or Ko Lo, is facing charges of murder, armed robbery and possessing arms and ammunition. He was remanded to October 4.

Yesterday the defendant Kang told the court that although the arms and ammunition were found in his hut, they were brought to him by an unidentified Chinese man who called at his hut at Chakwong Village on the night of September 2, about 24 hours, before defendant was arrested by the police.

He further told the court that the man told him that the parcel which contained the weapons contained valuable articles and that he would call for it later.

Kang was arrested by the police on the morning of September 3 at his hut.

The police, led by Detective-Inspector A.F. Cochrane, were taken to defendant's hut by Wong Yui, alias Ko Lo, one of the four defendants.

When the police party arrived at the hut defendant was asleep on his bed. He was awakened by Wong who asked defendant where the parcel was.

Kang pointed to a spot on the lower part of the rattan matting wall of his hut. DSJ Cochrane then went to the spot and took out the parcel between two rattan matting. He found a loaded revolver and a dagger in the parcel.

Funeral

Mrs. Woo Yee-kai

The funeral of Mrs. Woo Yee-kai, an old resident of Hong Kong, who died at her residence at 27 Robinson Road on Thursday after a long illness, took place at the Chinese Cemetery yesterday.

Deceased was the widow of Dr. Woo Yee-kai, one of the earliest Chinese doctors of Western medicine in Hong Kong who died about 50 years ago combatting an epidemic of Bubonic Plague.

A well-known and active member of the Chinese Anglican Church, Mrs. Woo is survived by one son, Dr. Woo Yee-kai, three daughters, 13 grand-children and four great grand-children.

Among the mourners were the Reverend Bishop Hall, the Reverend J. H. Ogilvie, the Reverend Lee Kwai-yan, the Reverend and Mrs. W. E. Montgomery, Miss A. Deans, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Kotewall, Major S. M. Churn, Miss Mary Kotewall, Mr. and Mrs. Foster-Hall, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Baldawalla, and many others.

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Tribute To Water Police

An officer of the Jardine steamer Chak Sang, which sank following an explosion and fire in the harbour, has paid a tribute to the magnificent conduct of the Water Police in rescue work.

In a letter to the Superintendent of the Water Police, the officer writes:—

"Referring to the disaster which occurred to the s.s. Chak Sang at 22.35 hours on September 7, I would like to express my feelings and the feelings in general of my shipmates who were picked up by your Police-launch commanded by Inspector Hughes.

"First of all, I would like to mention that Inspector Hughes' Police launch was the first powered vessel at the scene, (as far as I could see while enjoying the swim in our delightful harbour) and it really was a most welcome sight.

"Secondly, the conduct of the launch's personnel from the master down to cook's mate was excellent. The seamen were extremely helpful and appeared to be cool, calm and collected throughout the whole operation—carrying out their orders in a seaman-like manner—with utter disregard to the possible dangers that they were exposed to from our burning ship.

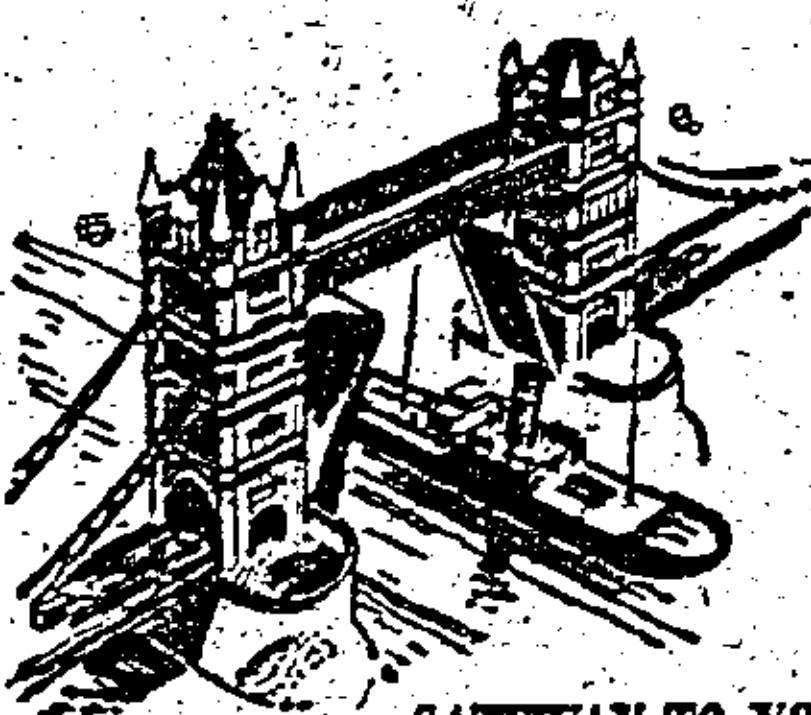
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BEWARE CARD-READERS

YOU DON'T dare give to a good card-reader any information about your own hand or your partner's which he may use against you. When your own careful thought indicates that a certain play by you will tell him something important which he can't otherwise know for sure, look for some other move. If you can find one that definitely misrepresents him, so much the better. Next to that, try to do something which merely withholds facts.

S 9 6 4 2

H Q 3

D A K

C A J 10 6 3

S 10 5 3

H K 4

D J 10 8

5 2

D Q 6 3

C Q 9 4

S K Q 8 7

H A 8 6

D 9 7 4

C 7 5 2

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable).

South West North East

1 S Pass 3 S Pass

4 S

South got the first trick, consisting of the heart J, Q, K and A, led to a diamond top and brought forth the spade 9. East

covered with the 10 and the K lost to the A. West scored a heart trick then with the 9 and, without a further thought, made what he considered the innocuous return of the heart 10. But the effect of that was lethal.

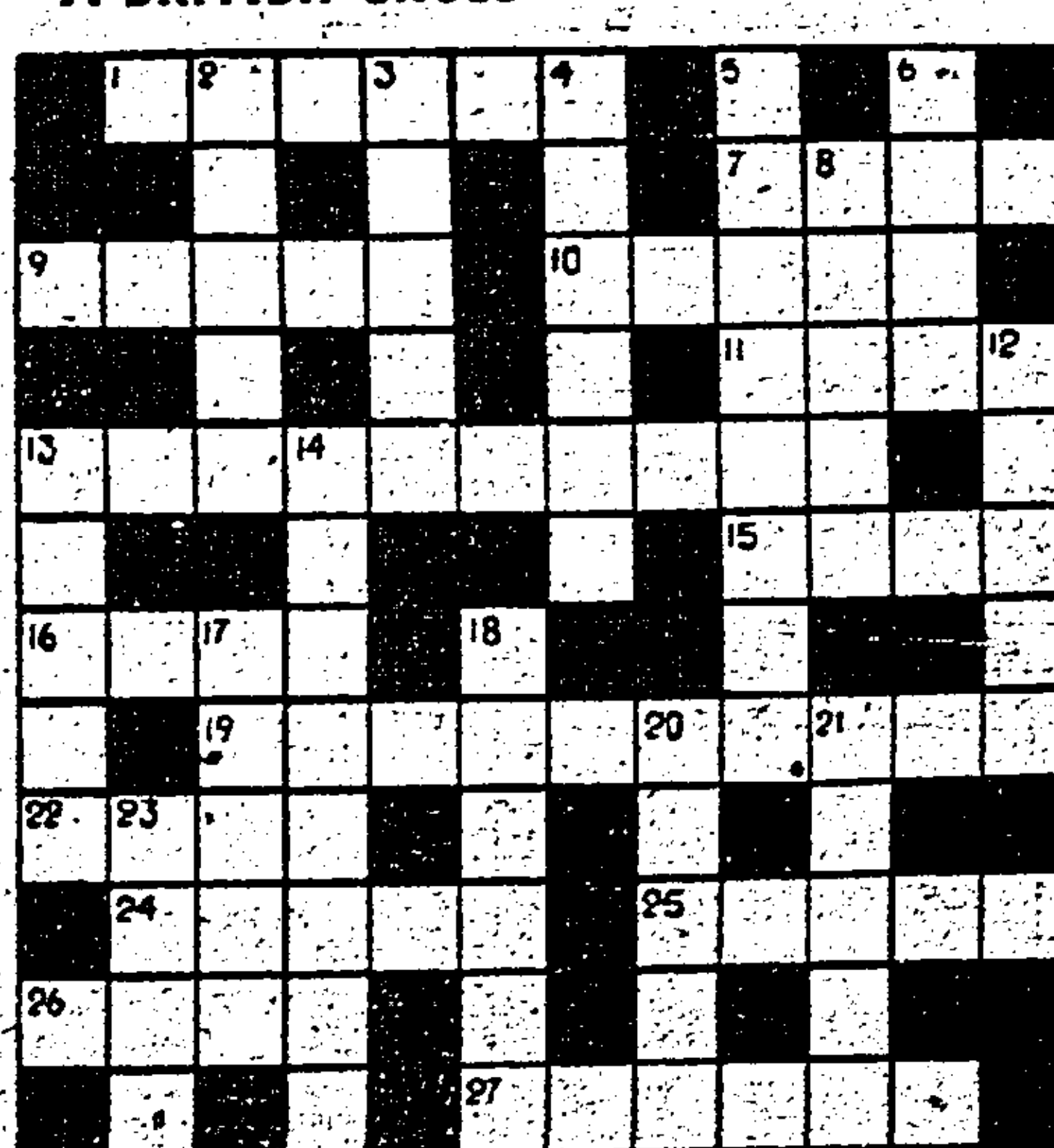
The spade 6 ruffed in the dummy and, when East did not over-ruff with the J, only higher trump still out, South knew West had that vital card. There was only one chance to choke it off—by finding it singleton. So he led to the spade Q and sure enough, it dropped. That made the contract a cinch, as the spade 6 cleared trumps and two leads of clubs caused loss of only one trick in that suit.

As the cards lay, South might have finessed for the spade J had he not known that West held it. If the latter had returned a diamond instead of the third heart when he was in with the spade A, South might never have known where the spade J was located. If he played the percentage, loss of a trick to that card would have beaten him.

Your Week-End Question

Under what circumstances should a rubber bridge declarer try for an extra trick instead of instantly scoring the trick which makes his contract?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Matter. 16 Insect.
7 Ring. 19 Downton.
8 Outspoken. 22 Box.
10 Sortie. 24 Suppose.
11 Orient. 25 Fashion.
12 Trial. 26 Voice.
15 Valley. 27 Deceive.

Down

2 Dowdy person. 12 Rims.
3 Change. 17 Modify to suit.
4 Start again. 18 Extend.
5 Magnificent. 20 New.
6 Deposits. 21 Urged.
8 Put in high spirits. 22 Measure of length.
12 Entertain.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Rustic, 4 Seedy, 7 Stilt, 8 Usual, 10 Lair, 17 Menaced, 15 Tender, 16 Toms, 17 Tram, 19 Right, 20 Earnest, 21 Cite, 23 Daint, 24 Unkind, 25 Cease, 26 Roused.

DOWN: 1 Bessie, 2 Scimitar, 3 Inch, 5 Gestic, 6 Disdem, 9 Merit, 11 Remnants, 12 Morse, 13 Codrills, 14 Depended, 18 Ravage, 22 Undo.

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The Chairman of Dairy Farm Chinese Employees' Association has been advised by the Director of Education that accommodation may be provided for certain children of Dairy Farm workers at

the Hennessy Road Workers' Children's School, which has just been opened.

The Director has requested that the names and addresses of such children should be forwarded to the Education Office as soon as possible in order that provision may now be made for their admission.

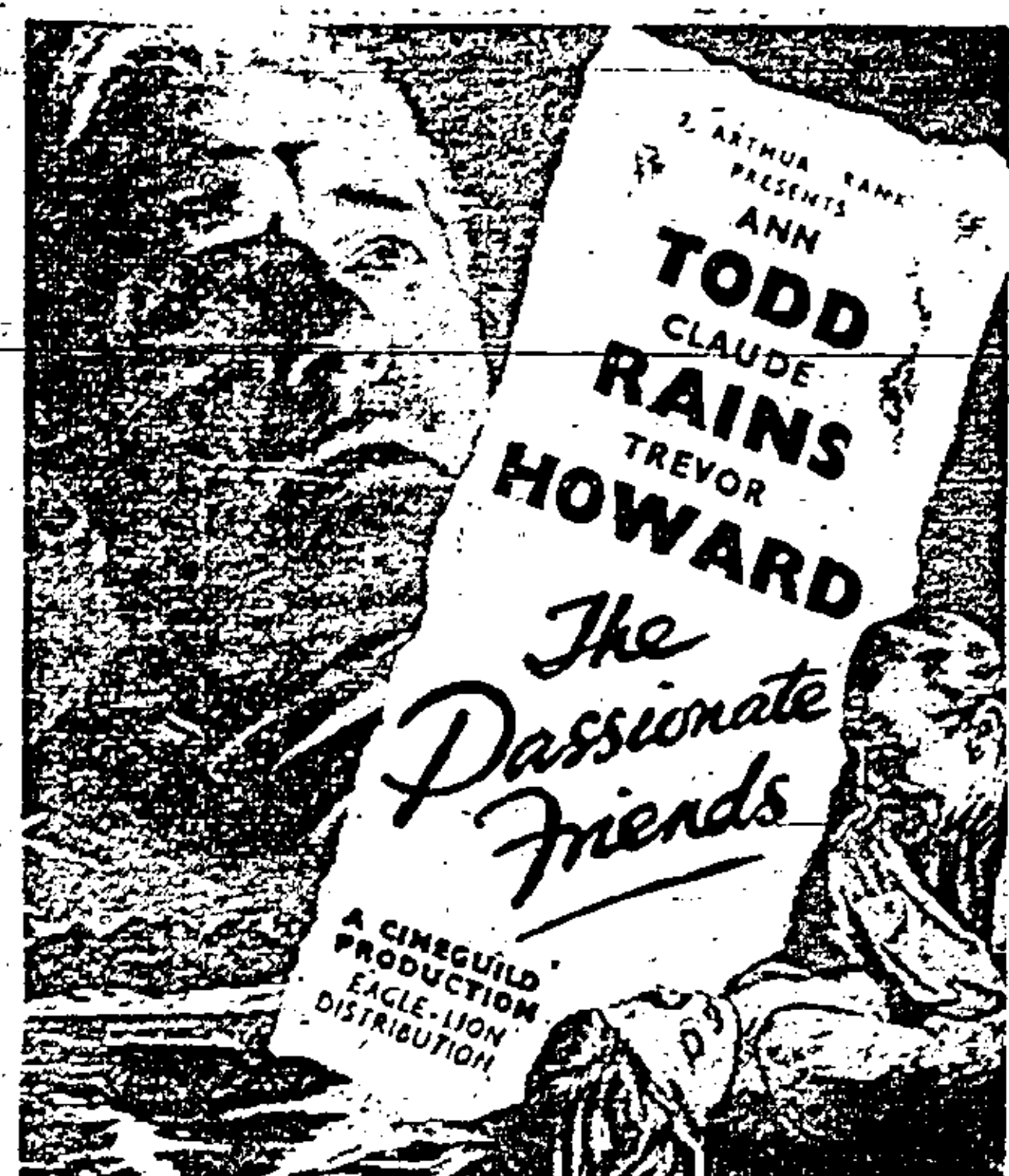
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HAGUE CONFERENCE STILL IN THE TACTICAL STAGE

The Hague, September 15.

Holy Year Pilgrimage To Rome

Vatican City, September 14.
Ireland's President, President, and the entire Cabinet will come to Rome during the 1950 Holy Year.

The Irish pilgrimage, one of the largest, will be headed by President Eamon D. O'Kelly and Premier John A. Costello, the Central Committee for Holy Year said in an official statement.

The exact time of the pilgrimage was not stated. The committee also disclosed that 50,000 Spanish Catholics will come to Rome in 1950 in two pilgrimages. The first of 30,000 pilgrims is expected to arrive for the canonization of the beatitude Antonio Maria Balbo, founder of the Congregation of Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Maria.

The second Spanish pilgrimage of 20,000 is expected to arrive later in the year.—Associated Press.

All three delegations—Republicans, Federalists and Dutch—agree that the round-table conference on Indonesia, though stalled after four weeks' very slow progress, must be made to succeed.

The conference is still in the tactical stage and no group has yet put all its cards on the table.

With much bargaining still to be done, Dr. Mohammed Hatta, Republican leader, told Reuter today, "There is no question of 'if' the conference succeeds. It just must succeed."

Though there are serious points of differences on some major problems about Indonesia's future, conference leaders insist that they must be bridged somehow or other.

Chiefs and deputy chiefs of the delegations leave for a "Secret conclave" outside Holland tomorrow to draw up a balance sheet of agreed and disagreed points.

With the help of the United Nations Commission, it is hoped that the Dutch would prefer a length statute covering all interests and eventualities and have put forward a draft containing 40 points.

Probably the most striking of the three main unsolved problems is the form the proposed Netherlands-Indonesian Union will take.

The legally inclined Dutch would prefer a length statute covering all interests and eventualities and have put forward a draft containing 40 points.

Wag Short Statute

The two Indonesian delegations think this indicates more suspicion than trust. They want a short statute promising operation and joint consultation on important matters instead of a cut-and-dried plan with no room for growth or adaptation to circumstances.

The Dutch are hesitating between what has been called "heavy" and "light" union, while the Indonesians urge a fluid arrangement.

The second problem is financial. Here again the Dutch have prepared a very long economic statute seeking to protect every possible Dutch interest and demanding complete economic stability in Indonesia.

The Indonesians have agreed that while Indonesia has any debts to Holland on its books they will always consult the Dutch Government before making changes in financial laws or currency policy.

But they strongly oppose any for Dutch control or legal right of objection. They firmly oppose the Dutch demand that there should be agreement and not just consultation before any changes are made.

"On this point we are adamant and we shall not give way in the slightest," Dr. Sumitro, Republican economic spokesman, said today.

Other financial problems causing headaches but which are not expected to produce a deadlock are debt settlement and future trade agreements.

The settlement of Indonesia's debts is only a question of bargaining in which each side will naturally try to get the best possible deal.

But trade agreements are more difficult. The Indonesians want trade agreements made separately by Indonesia and the Netherlands, and not in the name of the Union as suggested by the Dutch.

It is recognized that the settlement of most financial problems depends on agreement about the character and form of the Union.

Troop Withdrawal

The third main problem is about the withdrawal of Dutch troops from Indonesia. So far there has been no serious difference of opinion on this, though a good deal of discussion on timing and equipment is expected.

All parties agree that there must be no vacuum, but there are differing views about the character and leadership of the force to take the place of the Dutch troops.

Mastiffs Facing Extinction

London, September 14.

Americans are helping in an 11th-hour effort to save from extinction in Britain two famous breeds of dogs—the old English mastiff and the Newfoundland.

In a recent count, only seven old English mastiffs were traced throughout the country, while it was stated that the Newfoundlands are down to 13.

The war was responsible for the decline in these two breeds—the owners could not find enough to feed them on—according to a British Kennel Club official.

"During the war, many mastiffs were exported to America because of feeding difficulties here—now some Americans have been very kind and have returned one or two of the progeny of these dogs," he said.

The official added that in Britain there are only one or two Newfoundlands from which it is possible to breed, and it is hoped that the stock will be built-up again.—Reuter.

HENRY WALLACE TO RETIRE?

New York, September 14.
Mr. Henry Wallace, leader of the United States Progressive Party and an unsuccessful candidate in last year's Presidential election, is reported to be giving up politics.

Mr. Murray Kempton, the "New York Post" labour columnist, wrote that Mr. Wallace's decision not to run for the Senate this autumn is the first step in what seems certain to be his gradual, but definite, withdrawal from American politics.

"He added: 'He will probably never run for office again. Only a startling reversal of his present starkly pessimistic view of his Progressive Party's immediate future could make him do so.'"

Sofia, September 14.
Bulgaria and Albania have signed a one-year agreement on cultural co-operation, the Bulgarian news agency reported today.—Reuter.

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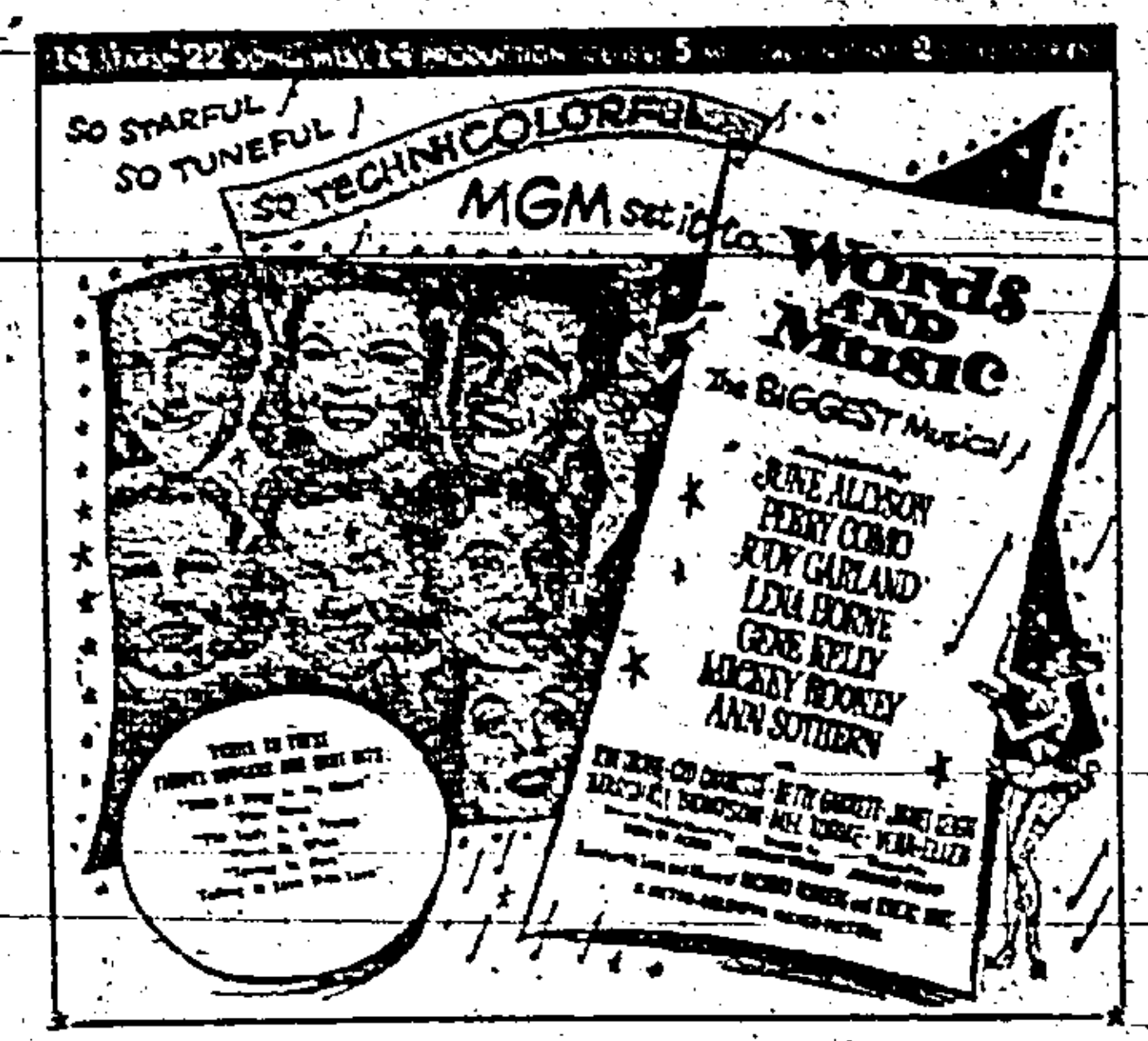
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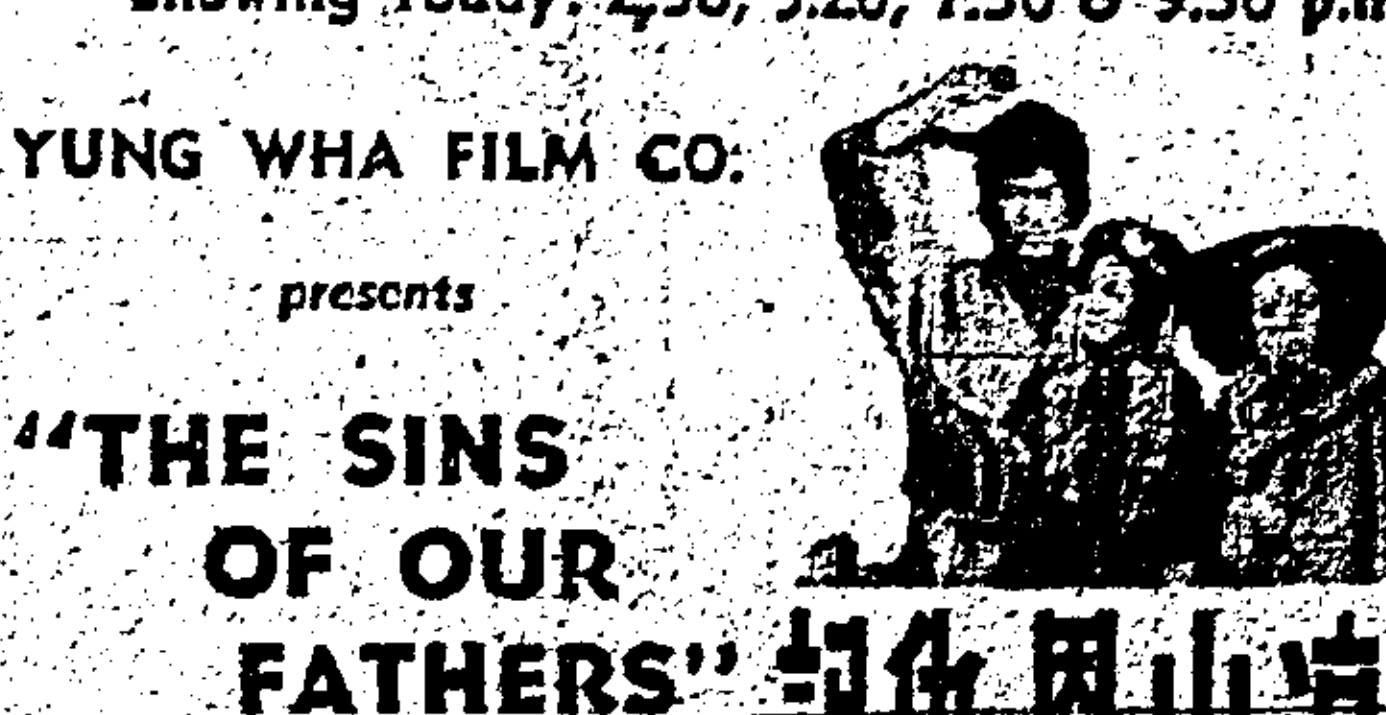


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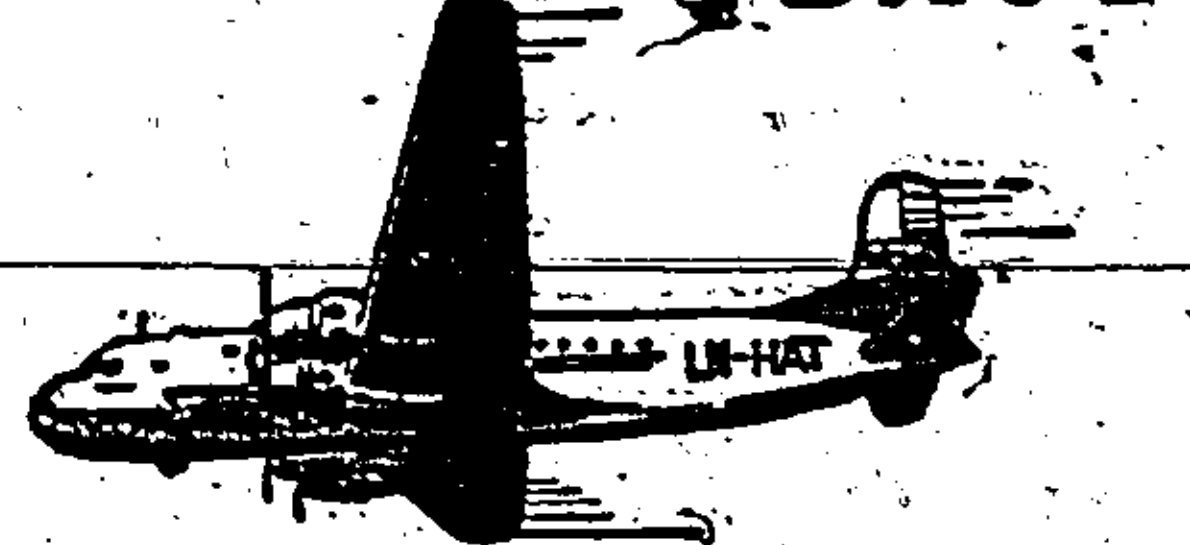
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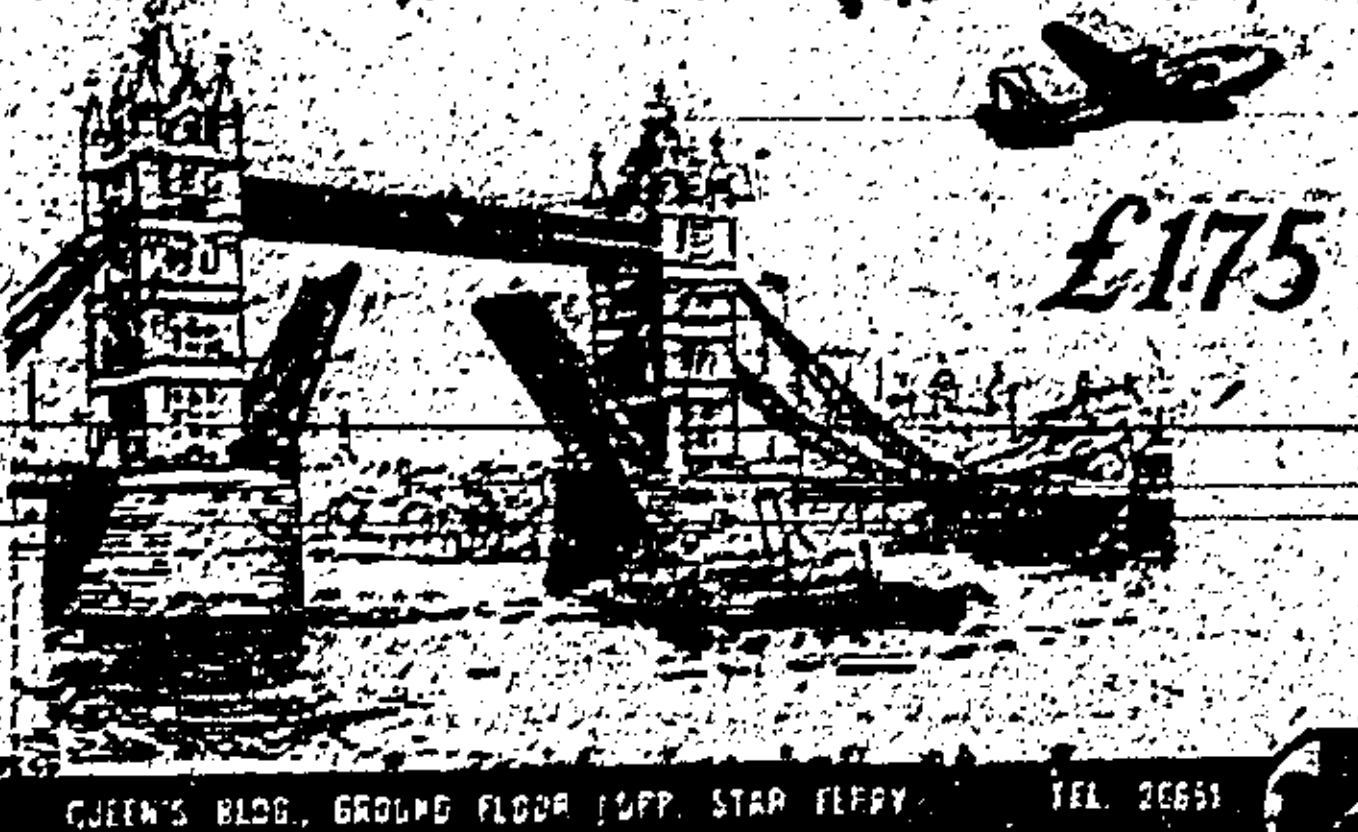
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dance at the funeral and for
tributes and donations on
the occasion of their sad
bereavement.

FRIENDS OF JAPAN

Feelers about a peace
treaty with Japan are being
put round again, the current
idea being that something
should be done with or with-
out Soviet approval. Ameri-
can policy has for some time
been on the line that it is un-
necessary to have a formal
treaty in order to make the
first steps. SCAP has gradu-
ally handed over power to the
Japanese, and given them
autonomy not only in some
internal affairs, but also in
external matters.

Many of the Far Eastern
nations do not share Gen-
eral MacArthur's enthusiasm,
however. Australia's Premier
Chifley has declared that
Japan was wasting time in
any efforts to obtain consular
representation in the Do-
minion before peace was offi-
cially recognised. Many peo-
ple in this part of the world
cannot forget 1941-45.

This attitude comes as a re-
buff to large sections of
American opinion, which has
been conditioned by Mac-
Arthur's frequent statements
about Japanese progress to-
wards re-entry into the
family of nations, the over-
whelming new sense of de-
mocracy achieved under his
aegis, and their saddened
acknowledgement of guilt so
sincere that never again will
they contemplate aggression.
It is slowly becoming ap-
parent that not everybody
regards the General's pro-
nouncements as gospel.

In America there has been
the natural desire to be rid
of the economic and moral
burden of the occupation,
and an equally natural wil-
lingness to believe in the re-
birth of Japanese thought,
together with the co-opera-
tion they have shown to
SCAP. These feelings com-
bined with the habitual re-
action of "let's forget all
about the recent trouble" and
get back to a completely
peacetime mentality.

This may be magnanimous,
but it should not lead the
U.S. into assuming that
everyone else automatically
agrees. The Japanese are
said to recognise that there
is little hope of a quick
restoration of normal rela-
tions and good feelings with
the Philippines, Korea, In-
donesia and China. And the
road to this restoration may
be much longer than some
would wish.

America must already have
appreciated the significance
of the stand by the Philip-
pines and China regarding
America's suggestion on
Japanese reparations. That
opposition represents an hon-
est point of view and a good
case has been made out for
it. Such viewpoints must
necessarily be taken into ac-
count by the U.S. in for-
mulating policies and reach-
ing decisions in respect of
Japan.

Grandmama Goes Cycling

By CHRISTOPHER
PHILLIPS

Returning completely hoarse
from a glorious week-end spent
in strenuous but vain attempts
at 'yodelling from a mountain
top, I have locked myself in
my room waiting for the pangs
of shame to subside—and my
voice to return.

Beyond the window pane the
flower of Bavaria man and
womanhood spin past on bicycles
in endless procession. Paris in
the glow of the joys of summer
and adorned with small bunches
of flowers which can only just
hold their own against the bright
colours of the cyclists' attire, they
speed homeward.

The lads, hiding little of their
sun-tanned legs in traditional
leather breeches or white shorts
and wearing coloured skirts, are
far from exhausted by their out-
ing.

Their voices are loud and coarse
and their hair much too long, but
the girls seem to like it that way
for they are losing no ground to
them on the home stretch.

The lasses cannot, of course,
be described summarily. First I
must give them credit for stealing
the fashion crown from Paris in
the "New Look" style. The skirt
is worn outside the saddle
and the age-old struggle against
the unravelling tendencies of the
wind is abandoned.

Traditional summer wear for
the Fair Sex is the "Dirndl," an
abbreviated version of the national
costume with a few concessions
for comfort. Any colour scheme
is permissible to suit the sun-
charred brunettes, the crimson
blond or powdered black. The
rich folds of the skirt effectively
disguise the more utilitarian
trends in the design of the
Bavarienne.

Age Claims A Privilege

Pleasure cycling is in no way
the privilege of any particular
age group. Grandpapa, in richly
embroidered leather shorts and
braces, and grandmama are well
represented in this home-bound
flood of wheeled humanity.

For the sake of accuracy it
must be said that not every partici-
pant in this gay cavalcade is
necessarily a pure-bred Bavarian.
Since Bismarck joined reluctant
Bavaria to the German Reich in
1871 a certain Prussian con-
tamination has taken place.

A few Austrians have occasion-
ally drifted in from the mountains,
and no doubt the old Italian has
strayed across the Alps, and don-
ing the Bavarian hat with
chamois brush before he could be
spotted and knifed by the natives.
When not actively engaged in
knifing and/or crushing skulls with
beer-mugs the Bavarian is every-
bit the kind and tolerant charac-
ter we associate with flower-pick-
ing and sunbathing.

Foreigners Get The Obsession

For acceptance into his fold he
asks no more of the foreigner
than that he should speak his
patois, have hairy knees and a
beer drinking capacity of not less
than 10 pints per session and, of
course, be able to yodel from a
mountain.

All those qualities are easily
attainable in three generations
when you become eligible for
membership of the Bavarian
Party and will devote your life to
fighting the Prussians at all times
except in war.

A curious fact about Bavaria is
that every foreigner who travels
there at once becomes obsessed
with the urge to imitate the
natives both in dress and conduct.
This makes the task of the
student of Bavarians and their
habits a little difficult—at least
until he has evolved some fool-
proof method of telling the
thoroughbred from the trend.
A simple method is to stage a
slight accident with the beer lass
belonging to the specimen under
observation and note his reac-
tions.

The Outburst Freezes You

If he is genuine you will be
treated to the richest bit of prose
the human ear can ever be priv-
ileged to hear. The "ours" will
freeze you spell-bound on to
your chair.

CYRENAICA NOW WAITS FOR HOME RULE

By ALAN M'GREGOR

From what the average
soldier saw of Cyrenaica during
the North African campaign,
the country's 250,000 inhabit-
ants appeared to consist largely
of raggedly-dressed nomads,
always pitifully eager to barter
under-sized eggs for tea or a
tin of "bully." They did not
impress as members of one of
the Arab world's closest-knit
religious and political groupings
—the Senussi.

Few knew then of the help the
Senussi had given the British
Army; how they had formed four
battalions of auxiliary troops un-
der British officers, how others
had guided patrols far behind the
Axis lines to blow up ammunition
and fuel dumps, or how the tribes-
men had aided Allied airmen shot
down over enemy-held territory.

It was in return for this assis-
tance that in 1942 the Senussi re-
ceived Britain's promise that she
would not allow them to be sub-
jected again to Italian rule.

And, today, the British Govern-
ment, through the existing Brit-
ish administration in Cyrenaica,
is pledged to take all steps, com-
patible with international obliga-
tions, to further the progress to-
wards self-rule of this former
Italian colony of 300,000 square
miles, which occupies a highly

important strategic situation
along the Mediterranean littoral
of North Africa.

Waiting On UN

Emir Mohammed Idris el-
Senussi. Now leaving for
London, is the head of the
newly-formed Cyrenaican Govern-
ment with responsibility over in-
ternal affairs. The next move
awaits a U N decision on the
future of Mussolini's former Afri-
can empire.

Ascietic-looking, bespectacled,
Emir Idris, is the 61-year-old
grandson of the founder of the
Senussi sect, Sayyed Mohammed
Ibn Ali, an Algerian by birth,
who in 1943 established his first
zawiya (religious college) in Lib-
ya. Preaching a return to the
austerity of primitive Islam, with
a ban on alcohol and tobacco, the
Sayyed, a man of forceful per-
sonality, was acclaimed by the
(till then) over-warring Bedouin
chieftains as both their temporal
and religious leader.

The present Emir spent almost
30 years in exile in Egypt, return-
ing finally to his homeland in
1946. The country is solidly loyal
to him personally, though some of
the younger, Italian-educated
townsmen, regarding with dis-
favour certain members of the

ruling family, are opposed to the
principle of a hereditary emirate.

But national unity alone will
not solve the problems facing
Cyrenaica when independence is
secured. For the past seven years
the British Administration, with
a grant-in-aid (to date £2,646,
189), from his Majesty's Govern-
ment, has followed a "cease-and-
desist" policy, as stipulated by inter-
national law.

Fascist economy, aiming at the
"demographic settlement" of thou-
sands of Italian peasants, gave to
a poor, still largely undeveloped,
country a totally unreal economy.
When the colonists were with-
drawn before the final British oc-
cupation in 1942, the farms were
left derelict and the lavish sub-
sidies ceased.

Strategic Value

As long as the world situation
remains uneasy, Cyrenaica's best
asset internationally is the
strategic value of its coastline—
in Tobruk it poses the finest nat-
ural harbour between Alexandria
and Bizerta.

The Emir is fully alive to the
material benefits of a treaty for
the security of his country.

But Cyrenaica is not all sand
and strategy; after the vast
solitude of desert, the green Jebel
is a land of charm. From Tobruk,
where debris of war and sand-
storms abound, the coast road
climbs gradually through barren
hills.

Then, suddenly, at the foot of
the escarpment is Derna ("the
pearl of Cyrenaica"), the Italians
called it; set between the light
brown of the desert and the azure
sea. It is a town of compact,
white-washed houses amid shady
gardens of bananas and "sine",
pomegranates and oranges. A
faint scent of spices clings to the
tiny shops of the narrow, cover-
ed-in-sun.

After Derna begins the plateau
of the Jebel Akhdar, parts not
unlike Scottish moorland.

At Cyrene are the ruins of a
once-famous city, founded by
Greeks in 641 B.C. Timeless, grey
Doric columns and moss-grown
fragments of walls stand wind-
swept on the crest of the plateau.
By the massive walls of the an-
cient theatre, the escarpment
drops sharply for more than a
thousand feet towards the tur-
quoise sheen of the Mediter-
ranean.

Further on is the wild grandeur
of the Wadi Kut, a huge gorge in
the hills, where slender cypresses,
pines, evergreen oaks and glass-
pines shoot out from crevices in
the rocky walls. Honey-suckle
entwines bushes by the roadside.
Next come the farms of the
former Italian colonists—miles
after miles of them—doled out
the plain in rigidly geometrical
lives.

Arabs occupy a few, but most
are empty, though bombastic Fas-
cist inscriptions—"credere,
obedire, combattere" or "Viva il
Duce" in ugly black letters—still
shoot from the white walls.

Village communal centres stand
abandoned, pigeons fluttering in
the dusty silence of empty churches.
There is a certain melancholy in
observing these relics of Italian
initiative. In the Barca plain
alone it was planned to settle 40,
000 colonists; the ultimate de-
velopment of Cyrenaica's agricul-
ture can be but conjectured.

Town Of Desolation

A target for the air and sea
attacks of three successive cam-
paigns, the capital, Benghazi, is,
even today, a town of desolation.
Entire quarters were wiped out.
Many buildings have only the
lower half restored, the upper
storeys gaping into space.
The streets, by night, smil-
le, abound in pitfalls for the stran-
ger: open manholes, in pave-

ments, uncleared heaps of rubble,
odd strands of barbed wire.
Rusty and twisted the upper
works of sunken ships protrude
forlornly from the waters of the
spacious harbour.

The Senussi flag—a crescent
and single star on black—flies
over the former Graziani Palace,
renovated as the official residence
of the Emir. Now adopted as the
Libyan national emblem, the same
flag tapers off from mosque
minarets in neighbouring Tripoli-
tania.

A pointer to the future?

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chance it will never happen to you.

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Australia and New Zealand
want a Pacific Pact.
Anzacross the sea?

Some observers think that
Western Germany is now Heuss-
ed on her own petard.

American tactics in China have
been called a "let the dust settle"
policy. Yes indeed, "ashes to
ashes and..."

Out on a limb.
Six crew members who aban-
doned the stricken tug Afognak
were sighted on a branch at Palm
Point, Alaska.

For Whom the Toll Bells.
The new Suez Canal charges
are costing America \$5,000,000
a year. This thinking in millions
seems to be spreading to other
people, too.

"I have read in some old
mystical tale
Some legend wild and vague,
How a midnight host of
spectres pale
Beleaguered the walls of
Prague.
Today they would have been
readily identified as the poor
pallid ghosts of freedoms lost."

Waiting for the Bang.
This "growing confidence" of
the Nationalists reminds one of
the bullfrog who blew himself
bigger and bigger, and as he did
so, became braver and braver...
and all on hot air.

J.S. Congressman Huber says
we should stop fearing Communism
and start ridiculing it.
Make their faces red, eh?

Dr. Skekel and Comrade Tito.
Speaking from Split, the Yugo-
slavs announce that they will re-
pel attacks from either Stalin or
Churchill. Correspondent sug-
gests they might be speaking
from sheer schizophrenia.

Truce-ulent Tactics.
The Indonesians claim the
Dutch are over-executing the
cease-fire business...

Leaflets fall in Tito's autumn.
Those pamphlets in Belgrade
might be the shape of things to
come—the "comin' form," as it
were.

"Literary in Asia to be Dis-
cussed."
But can it be excused?

"I haven't seen you at church
lately, Mr. Smith," said the
minister. "What's the matter?"
"My daughter's learning to play
the harp," replied the parishioner.
"But what's that got to do
with it?"

"Well, I'm not so keen now on
going to Heaven as I was."

Three Scouts reported to their
Scoutmaster that they had done
a good deed that day. "We help-
ed an old lady across the street,"
they told him.

"That is a good deed," the
Scoutmaster beamed. "But why
did it take three of you to help
her across the street?"
"Because," one explained, "she
didn't want to go."

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A pointer to the future?

BRITAIN U.S., CANADA TO RE-OPEN TALKS ON ATOMIC SECRETS

London, September 15.

Britain, the United States and Canada will re-open the question of their atomic secrets in talks in Washington on September 20, the Foreign Office said tonight.

The discussions, the statement said, will be entirely exploratory and any agreements reached will be subject to approval by the three governments involved.

About two months ago the British government formally requested the United States to extend the range of co-operation between the two countries on the subject of both atomic weapons and atomic energy.

The coming meeting appeared in London to be one result of that request.

Its announcement follows last week's meeting of atomic experts of the three nations at Harwell, Britain's atomic centre, to study safety precautions connected with the handling of atomic products and stock piles.

The Foreign Office announcement said: "The talks will be conducted by the combined Policy Committee, which supervises Anglo-American and Canadian relations in the field of atomic energy. The members of the Committee are:

United Kingdom members—the British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, and the British Minister, Sir Derick Hoyer Millar.

"Canadian member—The Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. C. D. Howe.

"American members—The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, the Secretary of Defence, Mr. Louis Johnson, and the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Mr. David E. Lilienthal.

"The talks will be entirely exploratory and no new arrangements regarding future relations among the three countries will be made pending subsequent individual consideration by the three governments."—Associated Press.

Sir Stafford To Discuss Dollar Talks On Monday

London, September 15.

The British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, will hold a press conference on Monday at which he will discuss the results of the Washington talks, official quarters here stated today.

Treasury sources said that the Chancellor was not expected to make an announcement on devaluation on his return.

Sir Stafford's press conference may be preceded by a meeting of the British Cabinet on Monday but no meeting has so far been arranged.

Official sources here continue to show satisfaction at the outcome of the Washington dollar talks. According to these sources the British delegation at the talks feels that the official communiqué issued afterwards was moderate in its expression of achievement.

Government quarters here discredited suggestions that the talks produced any secret arrangements not disclosed by the official communiqué.

Reports today from other European capitals on the dollar talks and the question of Sterling devaluation included:

Geneva—Swiss financial circles today minimised the possibilities of a Sterling devaluation in the near future.

Banking circles declared that it was impossible to give a long term view of Sterling, but there appeared to be no immediate danger of devaluation at least for the time being.

Opinion in Swiss financial circles was that during the Washington talks the current plan was worked out with the aim of avoiding such devaluation at all costs.

Should the Washington plan fail, it was thought here, then some drastic measure such as finding a new level for Sterling might be necessary, but this was

something that only the future would make clear.

Sweden's Opinion
Stockholm—If the Pound Sterling were devalued, the Swedish crown would follow, but only part of the way, Swedish National Bank sources said this afternoon.

A 20 or 25 per cent devaluation of Sterling, they forecast, would lead to a fall in the value of the Swedish crown of about 13 or 18 per cent.

Paris—Generally, Britain's financial position was overshadowed in the French press by the Franco-American talks which opened today in Washington.

The results of last week's Washington dollar talks were greeted with general satisfaction in weekly reviews published here tonight.

The Socialist "Tribune," the most jubilant of all, remarked that the conference had produced "some valuable, practical short-term agreements which will ease some of our difficulties and assist Britain on the next stage of her hard uphill trek to complete independence."

Practical measures of assistance—particularly the concession freeing ECA dollars to buy Canadian wheat—should make it possible to get through the next 12 months without further damaging cuts and without unemployment, the "Tribune" added.

"Spectator's" Comment
The Conservative "Spectator" thought that the progress made in Washington was "as much as any right thinking observer could have expected of this one conference, and far more than was thought feasible two months ago."

The "Spectator" added that it was a minor miracle to have agreed on so comprehensive a list of subjects to be jointly studied.

The Left-wing "New Statesman," in a more cautious comment, said that the measures agreed upon would ease the immediate drain on dollars but

Big Three View On Austria

Washington, September 15.

The Western Big Three Foreign Ministers today co-ordinated plans for an all-out attempt to force Russia to agree to the Austrian peace treaty.

The Ministers issued the following communiqué: "The Secretary of State and the British and French Foreign Ministers met this afternoon to discuss several matters of common concern to the three governments. Among the subjects discussed was the question of Germany."

The three Ministers are pleased that the agreements reached in London in 1948 and Washington in 1949 have now so successfully culminated in the establishment of the Federal Republic of Germany. They have examined some problems of working relationships which may be expected to arise from the new arrangements in Western Germany.

Desire Re-Affirmed
"The three Ministers also discussed outstanding unresolved issues in the Austrian treaty and re-affirmed their desire to fulfil obligations assumed in the Moscow declaration of 1943, to re-establish an independent Austria."

"They co-ordinated their plans for the conclusion of a satisfactory treaty at an early date and again expressed their willingness to proceed with negotiations by deputies for the treaty in New York on September 22."

The Ministers hope a reply will be received from the Soviet government accepting this proposal, which was made by the United States deputy at the close of the conference of deputies in London on September 1. The three Ministers also exchanged views on current developments in Yugoslavia and the Balkans."—United Press.

Sonja Henie Married

New York, September 15.

The ice-skating star, Sonja Henie, and socialite Winthrop Gardner, Jr., were married today in a setting of blue tulle and pink gladioli last night at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The bride wore a gown of sky-blue lace and tulle, with the new transparent, uneven hemline—14 inches from the floor in front and dipping to the ankle at the back.

Her dressmaker, Carrie Munn, said: "She wanted no more glitz, but we talked her out of that."—United Press.

would do nothing to cure the long-run disequilibrium. Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Minister, had been successful in their main objects which were to restore confidence in Sterling and to win time.

The most critical note was struck by the Independent "Time and Tide" in an editorial headed: "Something Attempted; Nothing Done."

Unless more positive and vigorous action was proposed at the meeting of the international Monetary Fund, it said, it will have to be by a mass of paper expedients.—Reuter.

Hurricane Fighter Leads Air Show

London, September 15.

A single Hurricane fighter, piloted by a senior Royal Air Force officer who fought and shot down Germans in both World Wars, led a flight of more than 200 modern British and American fighters and bombers which today began nationwide observation of Battle of Britain Week.

In this commemoration of the historic events of nine years ago, United States Air Force B-29s, Lancasters, and Lincolns of the Royal Air Force, high-speed Mosquitoes, Spitfires and the Royal Auxiliary Air Force, Sea Hornets and Sea Furies of the Royal Navy, and jet-propelled Meteors and Vampires took part.

Many thousands of watchers in London recalled the war-time days when fire engines dashed to the Air Ministry, summoned by people who thought the yellow glare and heavy smoke of stars used as guide-beacons for pilots meant that a fire had broken out.

On Saturday 22 RAF stations throughout Britain will be open to the public, and there will be flying displays at many of them.—Reuter.

New Wage Increase Demands Spread Unrest In Britain

London, September 15.

New demands for wage increases today spread labour unrest from England into Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Transport, electrical and mining industries were the targets of workers fighting against the Labour government's efforts to "freeze" pay scales.

In Scotland, spokesman for the National Union of Mine Workers said 3,600 union miners quit work in an unofficial move to support demands for minimum wages of £7 15s. per week for lower paid men. The minimum wage is now £5 15s.

Coal production was cut 5,000 tons a day by the miners' action, their union's representative said. Northern Ireland faced a power and light blackout as 3,000 employees in the electrical industry threatened to strike. They demanded wage increases of about three half pence an hour to bring wages into line with those paid in England.

An 11½ hour conference in Belfast between the electrical workers and the employers failed. Union leaders said that there was a possibility that power would be cut off at midnight.

Such a development, the Labour Minister, Mr. W. V. McCleery, said, might throw more than 200,000 people out of work in Northern Ireland.

Unofficial Action
Union spokesmen said they were urging their members to strike and that if they did walk out it would be an unofficial action.

A strike of the Northern Ireland Electrical Workers would disrupt telephone services, transport, hospital operations and the shipbuilding and aircraft industries.

In London 16,000 underground railway workers awaited a reply from the government-owned system to their demand for wage increases of 10 shillings per week. It had been promised for today.

Representatives of the workers said they believed their request would be rejected. A similar wage claim involving 15,000 railway employees on inland waterways and docks was under discussion today by the National Union of Railwaymen and the Docks Executives; government appointed management organisation.

London railwaymen will hold a mass meeting next Monday; their representatives said to discuss adoption of a go slow programme in support of their wage demands.

At Dundee, Scotland, railway workers voted for a token one-day strike on September 24. They also called for general strike action for wage increases in a resolution which the National Union of Railwaymen, 500,000 strong, will consider at a special meeting at the end of September.—Associated Press.



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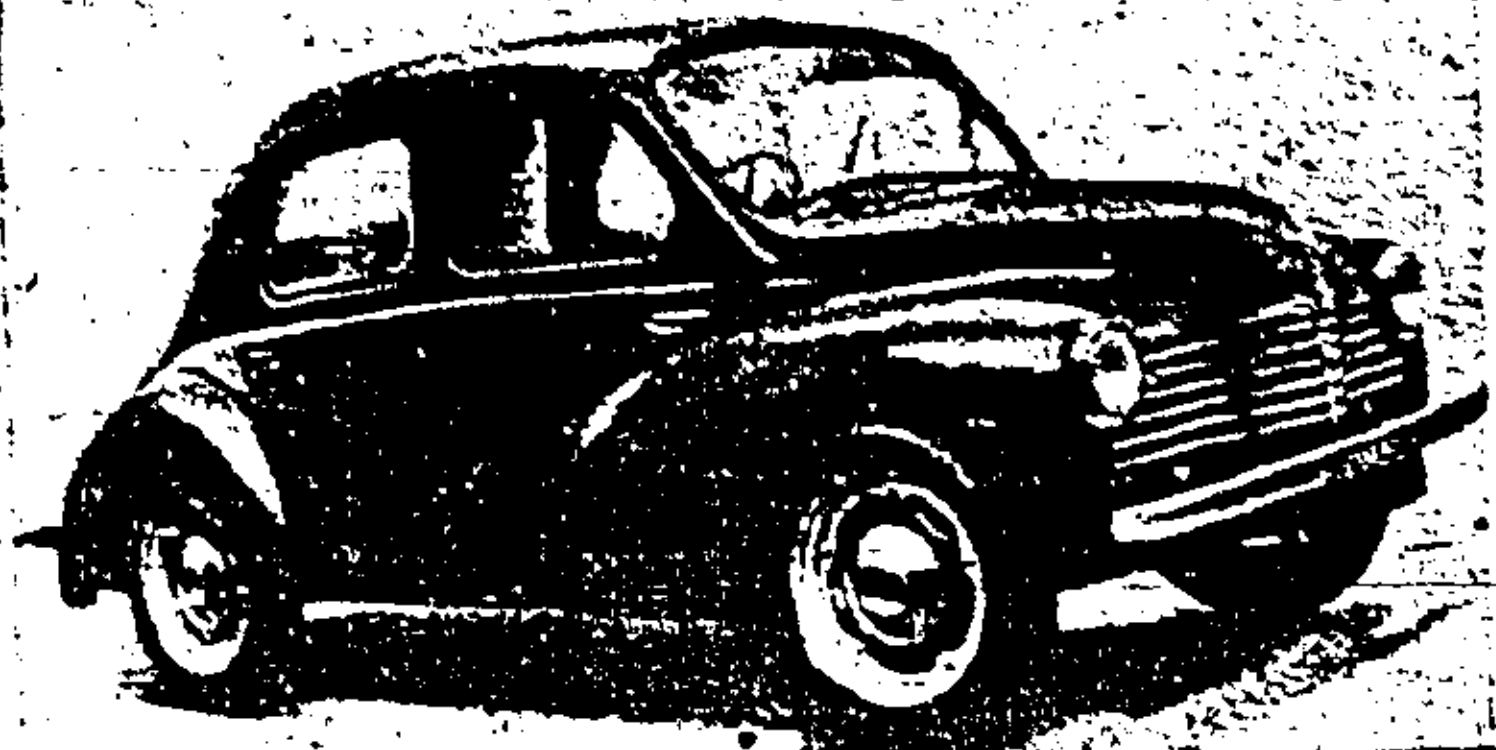
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An Australian Reports on a 7 H.P. Renault

I RECENTLY purchased a 7 h.p. Renault and have just returned from a 400-mile trip over the Blue Mountains, including a climb up Mount Canobolas — 4,650 ft. — just outside the western town of Orange. A careful check of petrol was made; the trip included much climbing over the Blue Mountains, but on a beautifully surfaced highway. The load was two men with golf bags and requirements for a week-end in the country.

I might say that I own a Pontiac and Willys, and have always driven American cars because of their roominess, reserve of power, etc., but I needed a small economical easy parking runabout. The Renaults had just arrived and I was one of the first to get one. The coil I.F.S. appealed to me. However, I decided to give the little car a real test. When the mileage recorder showed 500 miles, I had the speed governor removed and minor faults corrected. Australian plugs, which were quite unsatisfactory, were removed and replaced with English Champions, and off we went. Crossing the Blue Mountains I changed down to second only three times and took curves at surprisingly fast speeds, probably because of the wide-rimmed tyres. My cruising speed was between 45 m.p.h. and 50 m.p.h. for a distance of 40 miles or even more, and when I arrived at Orange I felt less tired than when driving the Pontiac.

I think the little Renault is beautifully proportioned and it is much admired. In Moles, 22 miles from Orange, I stopped the little car outside the local "pub" and created so much interest that I actually stopped the drinking for over half an hour as everybody left the bar and came out to have a look.

Petrol consumption for my trip of 500 miles worked out at 56 m.p.g., which was very good considering the long climbs over the mountains. Since my return I have driven over Razor Back Mountain just out of Sydney and on the Hume Highway with four wheels averaging 10 stone. It's a long, steady climb with no let up, but the Renault went over-in-top and never went below 30 m.p.h. A really wonderful performance for a 7 h.p. car. (An unsolicited testimonial reprinted from "The Motor", July 27, 1949).

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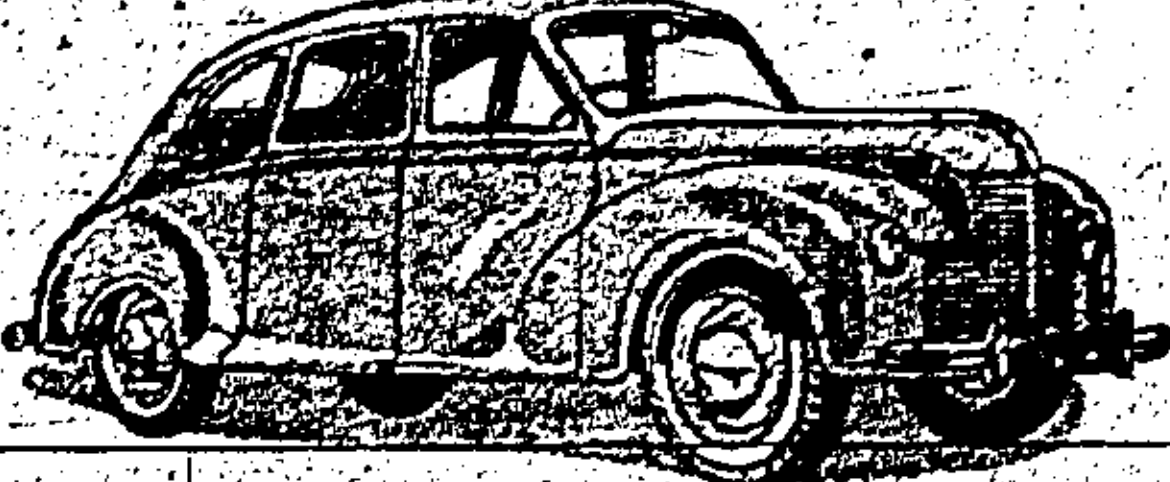
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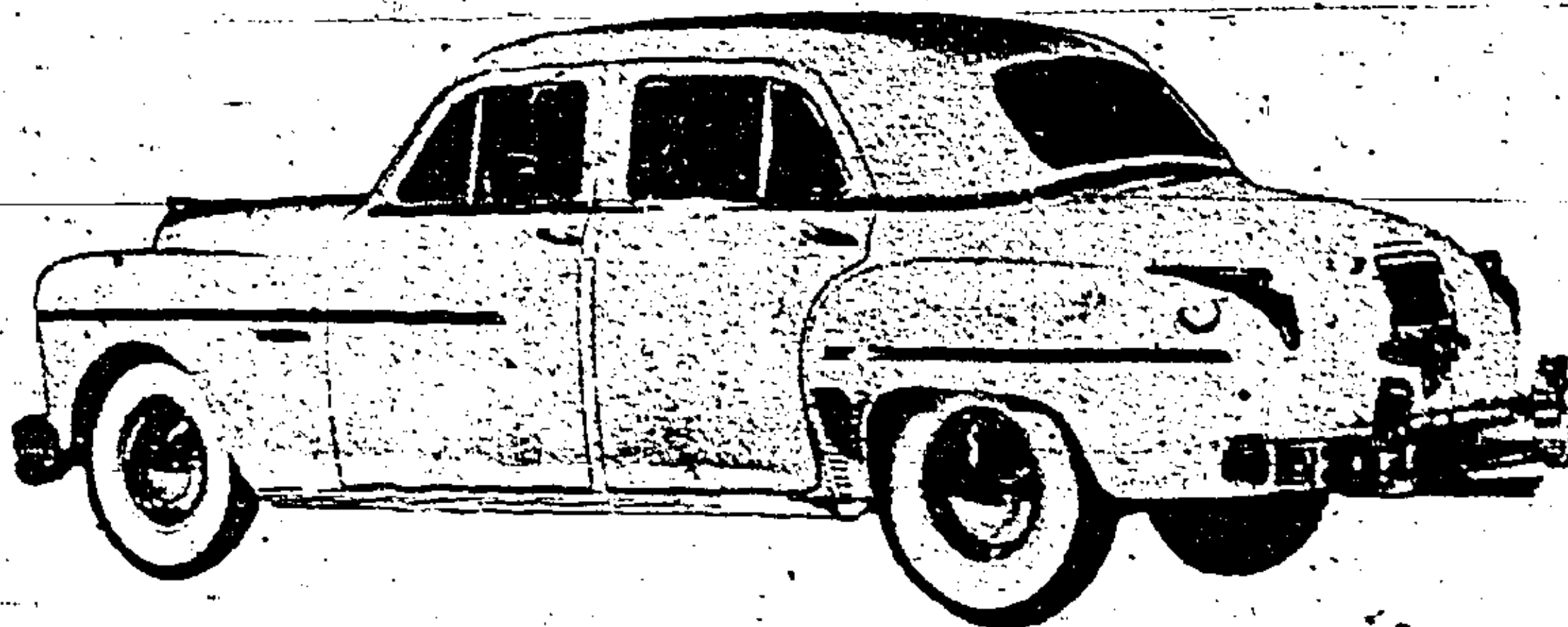
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The Dodge Kingsway, a product of the Chrysler Corporation, which features more interior roominess for travel comfort.

NEW DODGE CARRIES ON EXCELLENT TRADITION

By Our Motoring Editor

The new Dodge, which was tested by the "China Mail" this week, offers motorists the last word in performance and comfort, and may well be described as a fitting follow-up to the excellent models produced by the Chrysler Corporation in past years.

Push - Button Door Lock

A door lock that does not require slamming and is opened from the outside by pressing a button is now being made by Wilmot-Broeden, Ltd., in limited quantities.

Based on a lock that has been made in America for some years by the Schmitzer Engineering Co., the British version has been modified to suit the special requirements of cars made in Britain.

The installation employs fixed handles, the outside one operating the lock through a lockable push-button and the inside one by means of a trigger. A safety catch (or inside lock) is controlled by a separate knob.

The lock itself is very compact and, when in position on the inside of the surface of the door, projects inwards by only 2 in., whilst the latch protrudes outside the edge of the door by about 1/2 in.

With this lock there is no bolt, the door being held by means of a claw-shaped latch that engages with a striking pin attached to a plate which also carries a sliding, spring-loaded wedge-shaped block made of a sintered mixture of copper and tin impregnated with oil to provide self-lubrication.

This plate is attached to the fixed pillar of the door frame. As the door is shut the latch rotates on striking the pin until the door is fully closed, when the claw is fully closed, when the claw is fully closed, when the claw is fully closed.

Should the door fail to close completely it is prevented from opening by means of an interlocking mechanism on the latch cam. The wedge-shaped block at the top of the striker assembly engages with the upper surface of the claw, latch and prevents vertical movement of the door.

Opening the door is effected either by pressure on the outside push-button operating against the contactor plate or by pressure on the inside push-button or trigger. Movement of the contactor disengages the upper detent cam allowing the latch to swing into the unlocked position under the action of a spiral spring which also pushes the door open.

The locking arrangements consist of a key operated lock fitted in the outside push-button and an inside safety catch. In U.S. practice the safety catch can be operated only after the door has been closed, but the American design has been modified to suit British custom so that the safety catch can be set before the door is closed.

New Improvements

New improvements in the gear shifting mechanism and in the speedometer drive have been incorporated in all models, and an automatic choke is available for the first time on all models.

The new Dodge is equipped with a new type of brake lining that gives longer service before replacement is necessary and eliminates scoring of drums by rivets. There are no rivets to become exposed and score the surface of the drums. Also, the absence of rivet holes means there is no place for scratchy dirt particles to gather.

Side-sway is minimised by the "sea leg" action of rear shock absorbers. Rear shock absorbers now extend outward as well as downward, giving the effect of a transverse bar which has been eliminated.

An outstanding feature of the new Dodge is the increased interior roominess, which was achieved despite a general reduction of the car's overall length. There is ample room for three passengers in the front, while the rear can, in an emergency, seat four persons without undue strain.

Another excellent feature, which American cars have adopted, is the increased front and rear window space, which gives the driver added visibility, so important on the Colony's winding roads. This added visibility virtually eliminates blind spots.

A detail feature is that the starter is automatically operated by the ignition switch, and when the key is released, the switch is returned to an intermediate "off" position.

New rear end styling provides ample space for a large luggage compartment. The roomy trunk compartment is designed to permit maximum storage.

Unified grouping of controls and instruments emphasises the simple, modern lines of the new Dodge instrument panel.

All the switches, windshield wiper control and radio controls are grouped in three large, square panels framed in chrome. These three panels are directly in front of the driver for improved visibility and convenience. Their large size and excellent lighting also makes them easy to read.

All in all, the Dodge may safely be said to be a car which gives its owner lasting motoring pleasure.

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Regulation To Motor Vehicle Drivers

1. Should any change of address or ownership of a motor vehicle, the owner must notify the Vehicle Licensing Department within 48 hours, either personally or in writing. A charge of \$5 will be made for each such transfer.

2. All drivers must draw in to the left and remain stationary on the approach of fire appliances, ambulances or police vehicles.

3. Should a vehicle be involved in a collision, the driver must stop to ascertain the cause and nature of the accident, and report personally to the nearest police station as soon as possible any such injuries or damages to persons, animals or things.

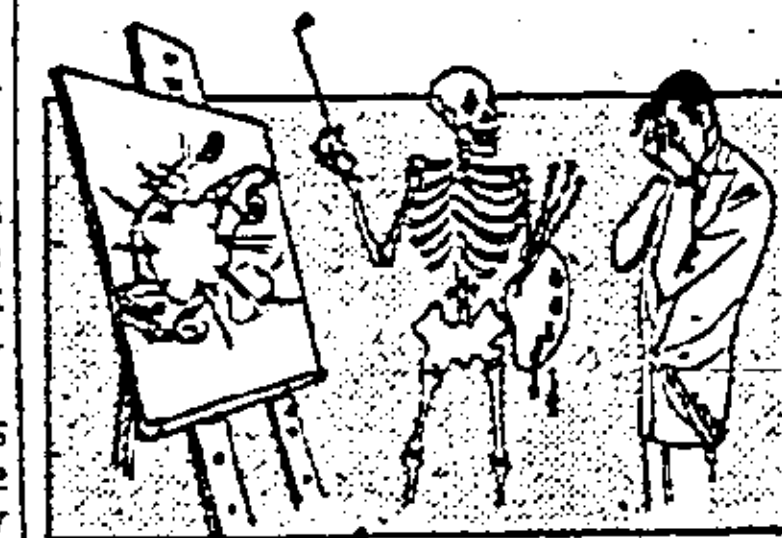
4. Every motor vehicle must have efficient brakes. Traffic officer (European) are authorised to stop any vehicle and have its brakes tested.

5. The License Disc must be attached behind the lower left side of the windscreen and prominently displayed.

6. All tyres on motor vehicles must be in good condition.

7. The use of the motor car horn must not be sounded in such a manner so as to cause public annoyance.

8. The driver of a vehicle must not permit himself to remain longer than is necessary to enable individual to board or



alight, or any such vehicles to load and unload in Queen's Road, Des. Voex Road, Central, and Pedder Street or any other places restricted.

Safety Sense

Check your tyres and make sure that they are in good condition and inflated to the correct pressure. A blow-out can be disastrous.

Always drive with both hands controlling the steering wheel unless you have to change gear or perform any other necessary driving duty.

Do not rest your elbow on the windwindow when driving as it will minimise your movements in case of emergency.

Pay the greatest attention to changes of road conditions and be on the alert at all times. Observe carefully and stop behind all stationary trams or buses where passengers may alight or board, then proceed when clear.

Never accelerate or brake violently at bends or blind corners, but slow down with greatest care. Do not adjust any fault in your car while it is moving, but stop to rectify it in safety.

When approaching at night, intersections or roads under repairs where a red lighted lamp is displayed, take all precautions and drive slowly.

By dipping your headlights now and then at crossroads you will warn oncoming traffic of your whereabouts. Do not drive too close behind any vehicle. It will not only restrict your vision, but also increase your margin of safety, especially at night.

(From the Hong Kong Motorists' Guide)

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Immediate action against imported cars. There are between 500 and 1,000 imported cars registered in Massachusetts, and it is assumed that they will be equipped with standard lights within a reasonable period, says the State.

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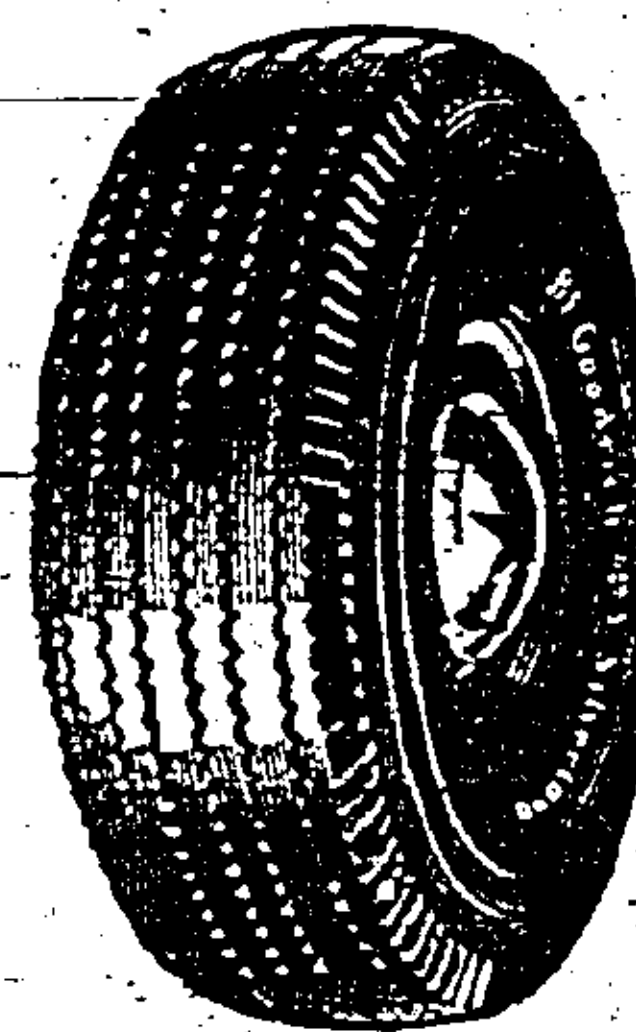
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BUDAPEST TREASON TRIAL OPENING

Yugoslavs Reply To Charges

Belgrade, September 15. The Yugoslav Government today issued a statement describing the trial of the former Hungarian Foreign Minister, M. László Rajk, on charges of treason, opening tomorrow, as a new and monstrous anti-Yugoslav provocation.

The statement, which was issued by the Directorate of Information, said that the aim of this provocation was falsely to accuse the Yugoslav Government and the Party leadership of various actions, shoddy intentions, and obscure schemes.

The declaration, which was 16 pages long, made no comment on the indictment against M. Rajk himself, but only on the accusations contained in it against Yugoslavia.

It described the indictment, in so far as it relates to Yugoslavia, as the basest document in the entire history of international relations.

Yugoslav Major General Harish claimed here that he blew up 157 Nazi trains in Yugoslavia during the war, more than the whole Ukraine partisans corps did together.

Reply To Charges

He was replying to espionage and treachery charges against himself and other Yugoslav veterans of the Spanish civil war contained in the Hungarian Government's indictment of M. Rajk.

General Harish told a meeting of Spanish war veterans: "If the comrades from Hungary and Bulgaria had worked as we did they would not have come back to their countries with pipes and umbrellas. They should find somebody who blew up at least one train. We were blowing up trains in Hungary up to Lake Balaton, looking for Hungarian Communists, but we did not find any." General Harish declared that Lieutenant General Gollo Nikolic said that the Hungarian anti-Yugoslav charges were intended to justify a certain undemocratic, unsocialist, unpeaceful combination which is being created in the heads of certain Greater Russian, Greater Hungarian and Greater Bulgarian Chauvinists.—Reuter.

Hamburg, September 15. Count Gottfried von Bismarck-Schoenhausen, aged 45, grandson of the Iron Chancellor, and his Austrian-born wife, Melanie, aged 33, were killed in a road crash yesterday.

Their car collided with an approaching lorry on the highway between Rottenburg and Verden, in the British Zone.—Reuter.

Germany Wants Eastern Land Back

Bonn, September 15.

The German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, today ruled out all possibility of a friendly attitude or understanding between Russia and Germany until the land ceded to Poland was returned and all Germans East of the Iron Curtain were freed from Soviet rule.

He gave these views, after being elected chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, in an exclusive interview with the United Press—the first he has granted to the press in his new position.

The new Chancellor answered questions without show of emotion. He referred to the land East of the Oder River—what the Russians ceded to Poland.

He continued: "No friendly attitude toward the Soviet Union is possible as long as this situation prevails. There cannot be understanding between us and the Soviet until the Germans East of the Iron Curtain have been handed back their freedom. And even if the Big Four should agree on an all-German solution, an agreement with the Soviet would be acceptable to us only if it includes just settlement of this problem."

Asked what action he proposed on this question, the Chancellor of four hours' standing took off his reading glasses, shrugged and answered: "We shall have to keep up the belief that those Germans living there or who were driven out by the Poles are not left alone, and we should also keep the conviction alive that these territories are validly ours."

He quickly dismissed a question about possible German participation in the Atlantic Pact, with: "We are a demilitarized country, but those who demilitarized us also assumed the responsibility to defend us."—United Press.

AMETHYST IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, September 14. The British ship "HMS Amethyst," which ran the gauntlet of Chinese Communist guns in the Yangtze River, sailed into harbour here today to the welcome blast of sirens from 70 ships of all nations.

Five Russian ships in port remarked silent salutes to join in the welcome.—United Press.

Budapest, September 15.

Tomorrow's trial of M. László Rajk, former Hungarian Foreign Minister and a top Communist leader, is the most important of its kind since the Trotsky treason trials in Moscow 13 years ago, observers said today.

M. Rajk will go into the dock with seven other defendants accused of spying for the United States and Yugoslavia, and plotting to overthrow the Hungarian Government.

About six foreign press correspondents will report the trial, which is to be held in the hall of the Hungarian Ironworkers' Trade Union. The British, American and French Legations have been issued with two tickets each so that they can send observers to the trial.

The Soviet novelist, Boris Polivov, will cover the trial as the special correspondent of "Pravda," the Soviet Communist Party's official newspaper.

The defendants in the trial are specifically charged with treason and espionage as well as having engaged in a plot to overthrow the Hungarian Government by force as agents of the United States Secret Service and the Yugoslav Government.

The second defendant, Lieutenant General George Palffy, former Chief of Staff of the Hungarian Army and a former Deputy Defence Minister, is also charged with having been a Yugoslav agent since 1945.

Tito's Ex-Official

Defendant No. 3 is the former Charge d'Affaires of the Yugoslav Legation in Budapest, M. Lazar Brankovic, who resigned as Marshal Tito's representative last October and publicly declared himself for the Cominform.

He is charged with having been the chief of the Yugoslav intelligence network in Hungary and with having declared himself for the Cominform under the orders of the Yugoslav Minister of the Interior, Colonel General Alexander Rankovic, to enable him to carry out his assignment as a Yugoslav agent in Hungary.

The fourth defendant is Dr. Tunde Szanyi, who was until his arrest the Central Personnel Secretary of the Hungarian Communist Party.

He is charged with having become an agent of the American Strategic Services in Switzerland during his wartime exile there. He is accused of later joining the Yugoslav Espionage Service and to have joined the alleged conspiracy of M. Rajk under the orders of the American Strategic Services Headquarters in 1946.

The others face similar charges. One of the charges is the organization of a plot under the direction of the Yugoslav Government to assassinate the leaders of the Hungarian Communist Party, especially M. Matyas Rakosi, the General Secretary.

Alleged Connections

Perhaps the most sensational part of the indictment deals with the alleged connection of the accused with the Yugoslav Government and specifically with the Yugoslav Minister of the Interior, General Rankovic, as well as the charges that certain highly-placed members of Marshal Tito's personal circle have been foreign intelligence agents within the Yugoslav Communist Party for many years, even before the war.

They include such leading Yugoslav personalities as M. Aleks Belber, well-known in the West as the chief spokesman of Marshal Tito in the United Nations and Deputy-Foreign Minister of Yugoslavia, Colonel General Ivan Goshnjak, Marshal Tito's personal deputy and one of the main leaders of the Yugoslav Communist Party, and General Goshnjak's Maršalac, President of the General Slav Committee.—Reuter.

Unesco To Meet In Paris On Monday

Paris, September 15.

Professor Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, the Indian Ambassador to Russia, presided today over a meeting of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's Executive Board, which met to prepare the agenda for the General Conference, which opens here Monday.

The Board's agenda includes a report on technical assistance to under-developed territories.

The Director General, Senor Jaime Torres-Bodet's, report on the activities of the UNESCO and the proposals for a £2,211,750 UNESCO budget for 1950, are also on the agenda.

The Board will also consider reconstruction in China, reports on Greek refugees in the Middle East, and aid to Ecuador.

A discussion on UNESCO activities in Japan and Germany will follow reports by experts on these countries.

Asian Proposal

A proposal to establish an Institute of Cultural Co-operation for South and East Asian countries has arisen from a resolution on the subject that had been presented by the Indian delegation and adopted at the third General Conference of UNESCO in Beirut last year.

Professor Radhakrishnan will urge that India should be the headquarters of the Institute in

DON IDDON'S DIARY

Report From The Middle West

This intrepid excursion into enemy territory has proved safer than a stroll down Fleet-street. An Englishman is not molested on the boulevards of Chicago.

No one has twisted my arm or brandished a fist under my nose, although I have talked the British case loud and long from one end of the city to the other. Chicagoans just now are more likely to press a hot dog or a hamburger on you than hurl abuse or insults (some think the British are starving).

Even a daring foray into G.H.Q. into the Tribune Tower itself, where the ferocious Colonel Bertie McCormick broods and erupts, turned out to be safe enough.

If this is the citadel of anti-British feeling, the camp of the arch-enemy, then we have little to worry about.

The com's moustache, once bristling, is damp and struggling in the hot, humid air. He is calling America the "Hand-out State," but chiefly, according to his editorials, he seems to be in mortal terror that Britain is going to take over the United States, tear down the Stars and Stripes, and hoist the Union Jack over the land.

Redcoats Coming

The other day his wheezing organ said plaintively: "Our Anglophile State Department, otherwise known as His Majesty's Under-Secretariat of State for the North American Colonies, has several important matters afoot," and added later: "It is not too much to hope that some day we shall achieve our independence of England."

This has all been a great shock to me. The redcoats are about to invade the Middle West and suppress the Colonials with fire, sword, and our new jet-propelled aircraft.

This exquisite irony is in-vigorating news.

The problem is not that we are to become America's 49th State, but that America is to become part of the United Kingdom, and swear allegiance to King George.

Of course, not all of Chicago shares the colonel's views. It buys his brassy newspaper, reads the sports section, glances at the comics, and occasionally digests painfully the hot and lumpy stew in the editorials.

After years of this poison the bloodstream has become slightly polluted and you can take it as an accurate report that Britain, particularly Socialist Britain, is not popular here.

There is a dreadful feeling that the slick Sir Stafford Cripps and the brawny Berin will outsmart and out-manoeuvre simple, straight forward, honest, and honourable Uncle Sam.

The expedition into the allegedly hostile heartland was organised simply enough.

I merely bought a railway ticket in New York, walked down a red carpet (it is laid down for all passengers), and boarded the Twentieth Century Limited, probably the most luxurious train in the world—and certainly one of the fastest and smoothest running.

The people here are a generous warm-hearted, delightful lot. They cannot take too much trouble to help the English innocent wandering the stupendous, lusty, sprawling city.

The city, with its neon jungle and blinding electric bulbs, looks like a State fair.

I have been trying to find out just what chance Britain has of selling her goods in this fair. I am not too optimistic after talking to the local Chamber of Commerce, Chicago merchants, newspapermen, and our own British officials here.

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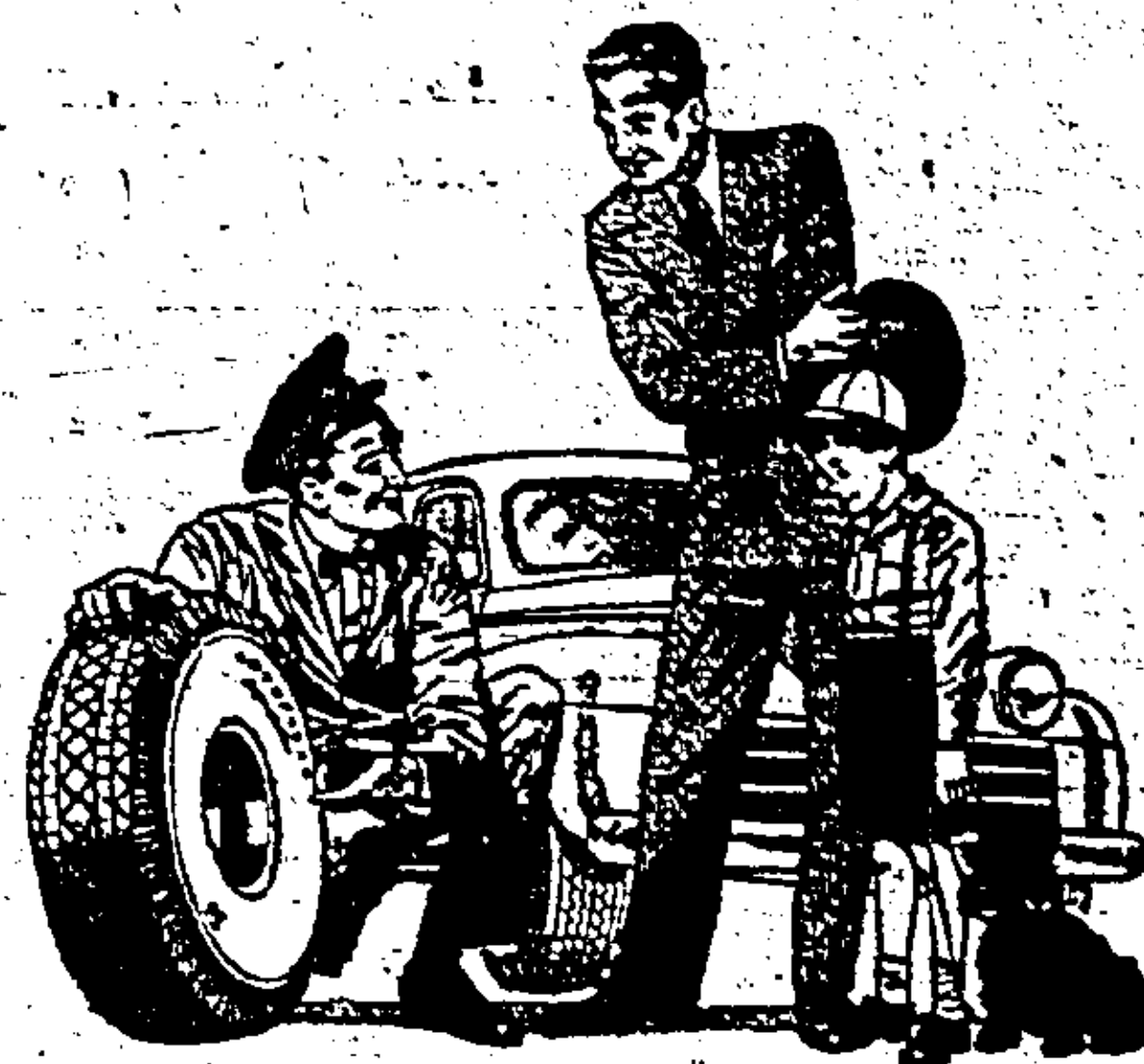
There is a tendency among our businessmen to rely on Government agencies and Consulate officials to do their work for them.

Instead of going out with their sample cases and doing a strenuous selling job they are leaving it to the bureaucrats.

This does not make good business. British goods are highly thought of in Chicago. Our machinery, particularly our printing presses and certain specialised, ingenious types of industrial apparatus, are wanted.

Our toys are sought after. Our Scotch whisky is downed with tremendous satisfaction in tremendous quantities. There is absolutely no prejudice against our goods because of political disagreements or anti-British feeling. Even our prices are not considered unduly excessive.

There is money to be made here in the Middle West if we really get down to the job and go out and sell.

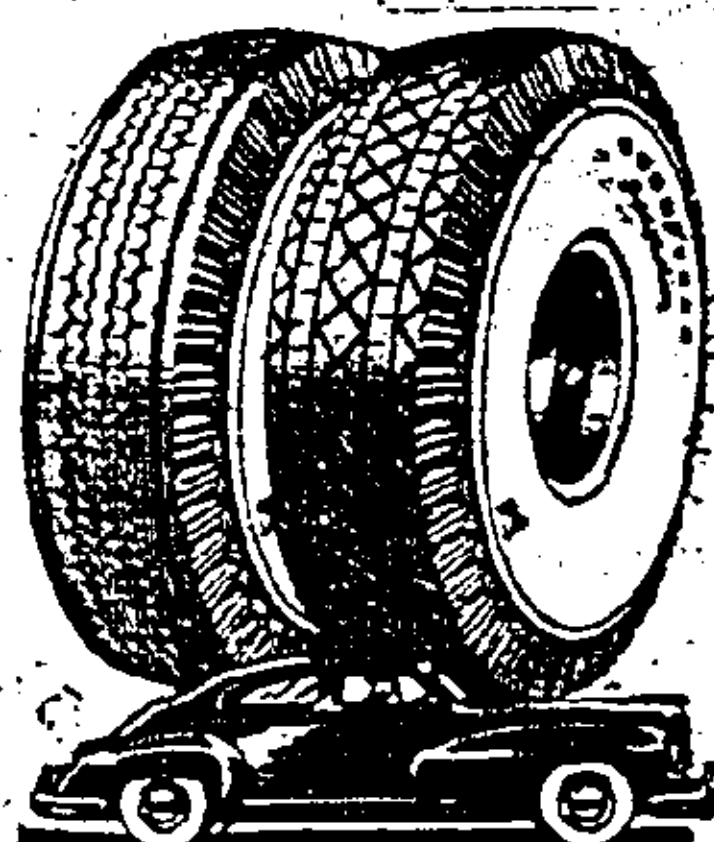


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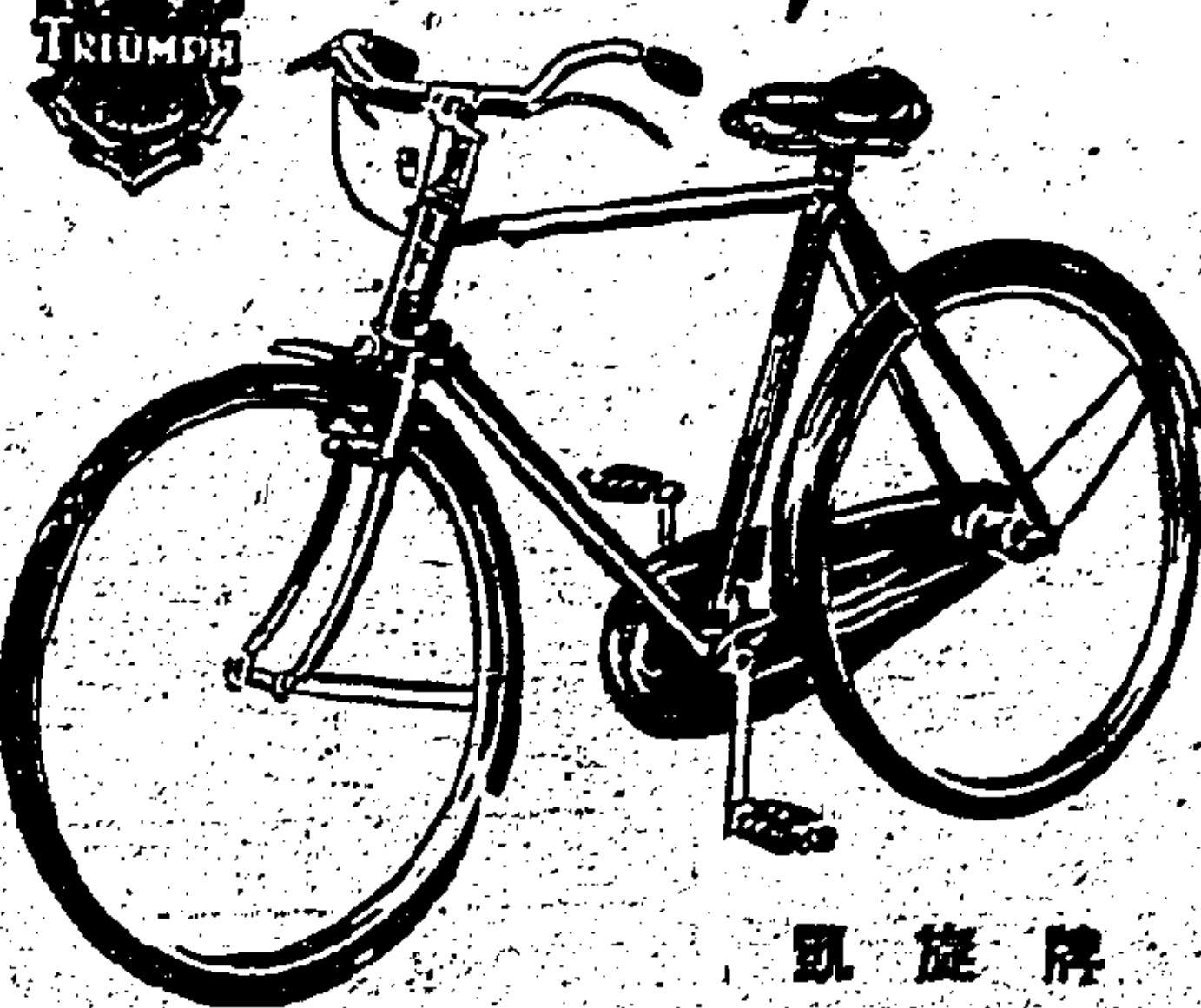
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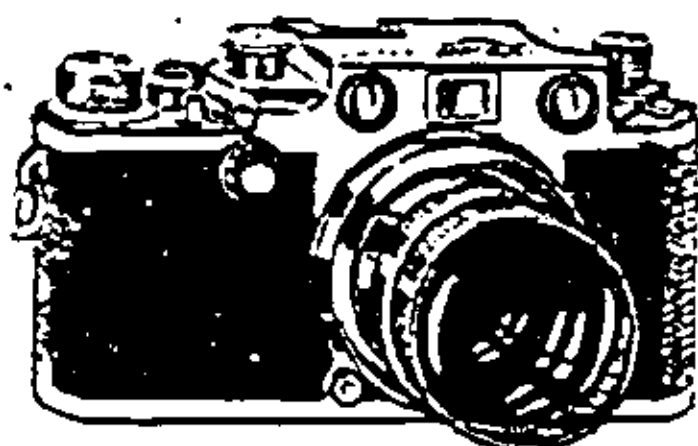
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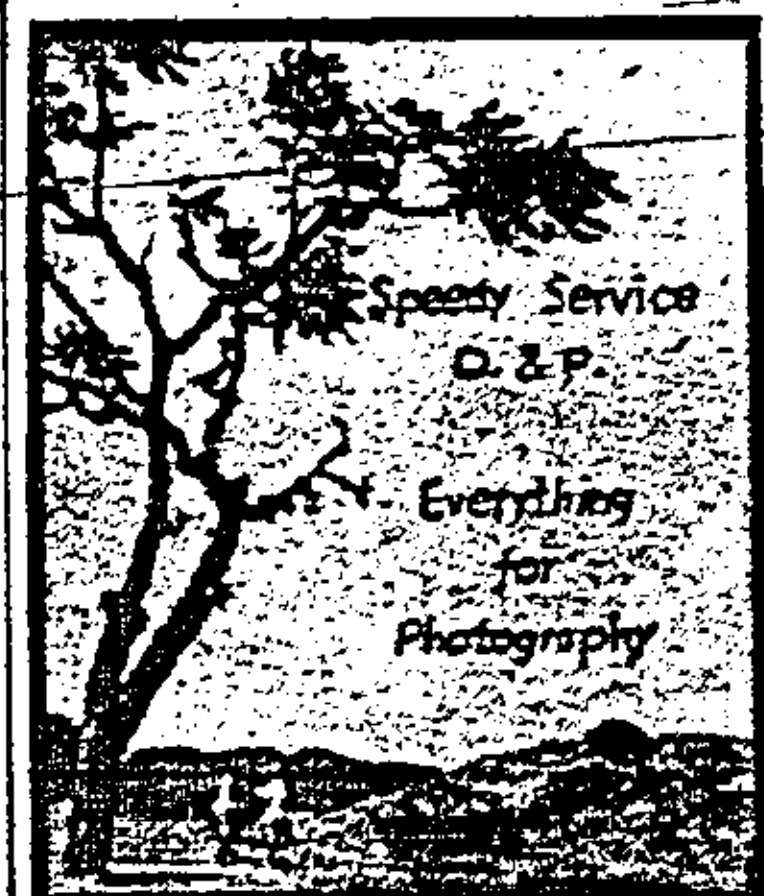
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Jap Gold For Siam, French Indo-China

Washington, September 15.

A United States decision to have Japan pay Siam and French Indo-China about U.S.\$80,000,000 in gold dominated the Far Eastern Commission meeting today. Unconfirmed reports said several other FEC nations were objecting to the move.

They were said to be arguing that Japan's gold reserve should be carefully husbanded to provide assets to meet other obligations involving other nations, and also to provide assets for further development of Japan's recovery efforts.

WILLIAMS MURDER TRIAL

London, September 15.
Margaret Williams, 21-year-old British Army girl, was accused today of stabbing her husband as he sat on a chair, suffering from a wound which she had inflicted earlier. Mrs. Williams had pleaded not guilty at the Old Bailey to murdering Sergeant Major Williams in their room at an Army hostel at Klagenfurt, Austria, last July.

Prosecuting Counsel said that Williams' shirt had a slit in the shoulder where the first wound was. It was surrounded by blood and showed that he was wearing the shirt when that blow was struck, though his wife said that he had got his shirt and vest off. The inference was, he added, that Williams was sitting in the chair already wounded and bleeding from his shoulder, when the blow to the heart, which killed him, was struck.

A detective told the Court that when he saw Mrs. Williams in July she said: "He should not have hit me and I would not have done it. I told him that if he hit me again I would stick a knife in him."

He hit me again and I picked up the knife—and it happened. One of the principal exhibits in the case—the dead man's heart preserved in spirits in a glass jar wrapped in a paper bag—was on the table in Court. The trial was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

NAAFI CHIEF

London, September 15.
Mr. R.C. Felden, aged 45, recently retired from the army as Major-General, has been appointed General Manager of the NAAFI.

He was formerly Vice-Quarter-master-General to the Forces.—Reuter.

Marshall Aid Allotments Announced

Washington, September 15.
The Economic Co-Operation Administration announced tonight Marshall Aid allotments totalling \$1,132,700,000 for July, August and September this year.

This is the maximum permissible for the period under Congressional resolutions. Britain is the largest recipient with \$292,200,000. No allotment was made for Portugal since the ECA programme for that country is to begin until after October. The Bizone of Germany received an extra \$2,400,000 still owing to it from the \$15,000,000 increase authorised in the fiscal year 1949.

The allotments announced today supersede provisional allotments made last May. They cover procurement authorisations issued after July 1, 1949, under Congressional resolutions and not covered by previous allotments of real funds.—Reuter.

Govt Troops Score Win In Burma

Rangoon, September 15.
Government forces today re-occupied Madaya, a rail terminus about 20 miles North of Mandalay, a military communication stated tonight.

Madaya was held by the combined forces of the "White Band" People's Volunteer Organisation and Communist rebels when they retreated from Mandalay early this year.

The communists said that Burma Air Force planes bombed and machine-gunned rebel concentrations around Karen-held Taunggyi, capital of the Southern Shan States.

The rebels were believed to have suffered heavy casualties. Government patrols were reported to be combing rebel pockets on a 30-mile front along the Taunggyi-Yaungmye road.

The Government communiqué also claimed the recapture of a village in the Insein District, a district of Bhamo after inflicting heavy losses on the Karen defenders.—Reuter.

CONTROL OFFICE DISSOLVED

Frankfurt, September 15.
The Bipartite Control Office, which has administered the Anglo-American Zones of Germany for the past two years, was formally dissolved at the end of its 59th meeting here today.

The office has closed as part of the re-organisation of Western agencies in Germany with the establishment of the new Federal Parliament of Western Germany.—Reuter.

Japan May Become World's Next Christian Nation

Tokyo, September 16.

Japan may become the world's next new Christian nation, but it depends on the definition of the word Christian, according to American missionaries and General MacArthur's experts charged with reporting Japan's religious affairs.

While opinions vary the majority agree that chances are good that Japan may, in 10 to 20 years time accept and practise the broad ethics and moral standards of a Western Christian nation. But none predict in the foreseeable future the majority of Japanese embracing Christianity in the sense of becoming baptised.

Many privately regard General MacArthur's frequent statements to the effect that Japan is rapidly becoming Christian as over-optimistic, and his personal estimate of number of new converts as exaggerated. According to General MacArthur's headquarters, there are now 350,000 Japanese Christians, of which 120,000 are Roman Catholics, and the rest of various Protestant denominations.

This figure has changed little since the first waves of evangelism in Japan following the surrender. The rate of converts actually declined, but this was attributed by missionaries to early curiosity Christians, who lost interest in the movement when they discovered that Christianity was not a remedy for all their economic ills.

In this respect the Reverend Hallam C. Shorrock, of Seattle, Washington, criticised both

No Programme

Shorrock, a young disciple church missionary, claimed the Japanese church has no programme to offer thousands of young people trying to grasp some sort of meaning for life.

Shorrock recently announced the opening of the first Christian work camps in Japan, with Christian students from the United States, Japan, Korea and the Philippines giving free service in reconstruction work in Tokyo and Hokkaido.

While Japanese converts may be few in comparison with the hopes expressed at the beginning of the occupation, there is no doubt that Christianity holds a tremendous interest for many non-Christians.

The recent St. Francis quadri-

centennial pilgrimage drew an estimated million Japanese who thronged to view the holy relic of the saint's arm, and heard sermons by visiting Catholic priests, but they were not all Japanese Christians, or intending to immediately to become Christians.

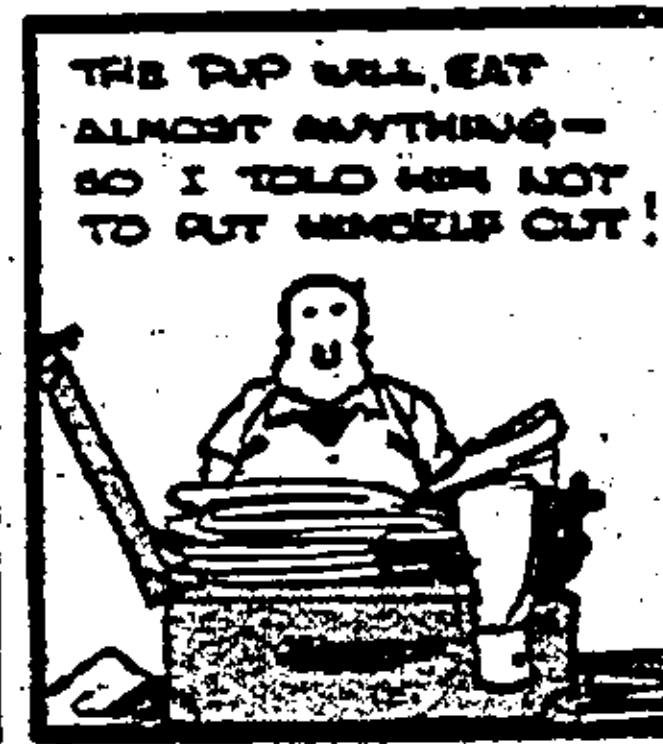
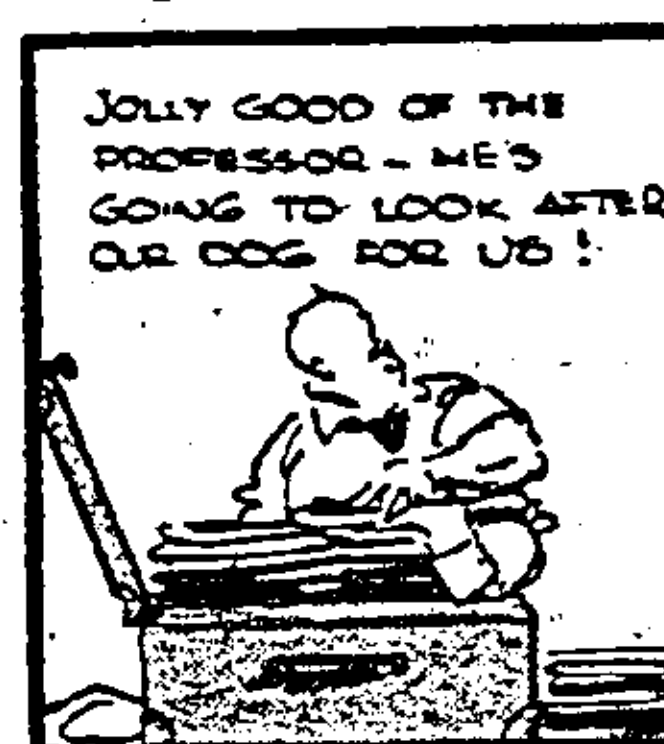
It is this interest in Christian ideals, which leads officials in General MacArthur's culture and religious section to be optimistic, but resident missionaries who recognise the interest in Christianity for what it is in Japan are not prone to be carried away by crowds and press publicity, into believing that national conversion is just around the corner.—United Press.

UN APPLICATIONS REJECTED

Lake Success, September 15.
The United Nations Security Council today rejected the applications for membership in the United Nations by Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary and the Mongolian People's Republic.

The applications were submitted to the Council in five separate resolutions which were all supported by the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

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